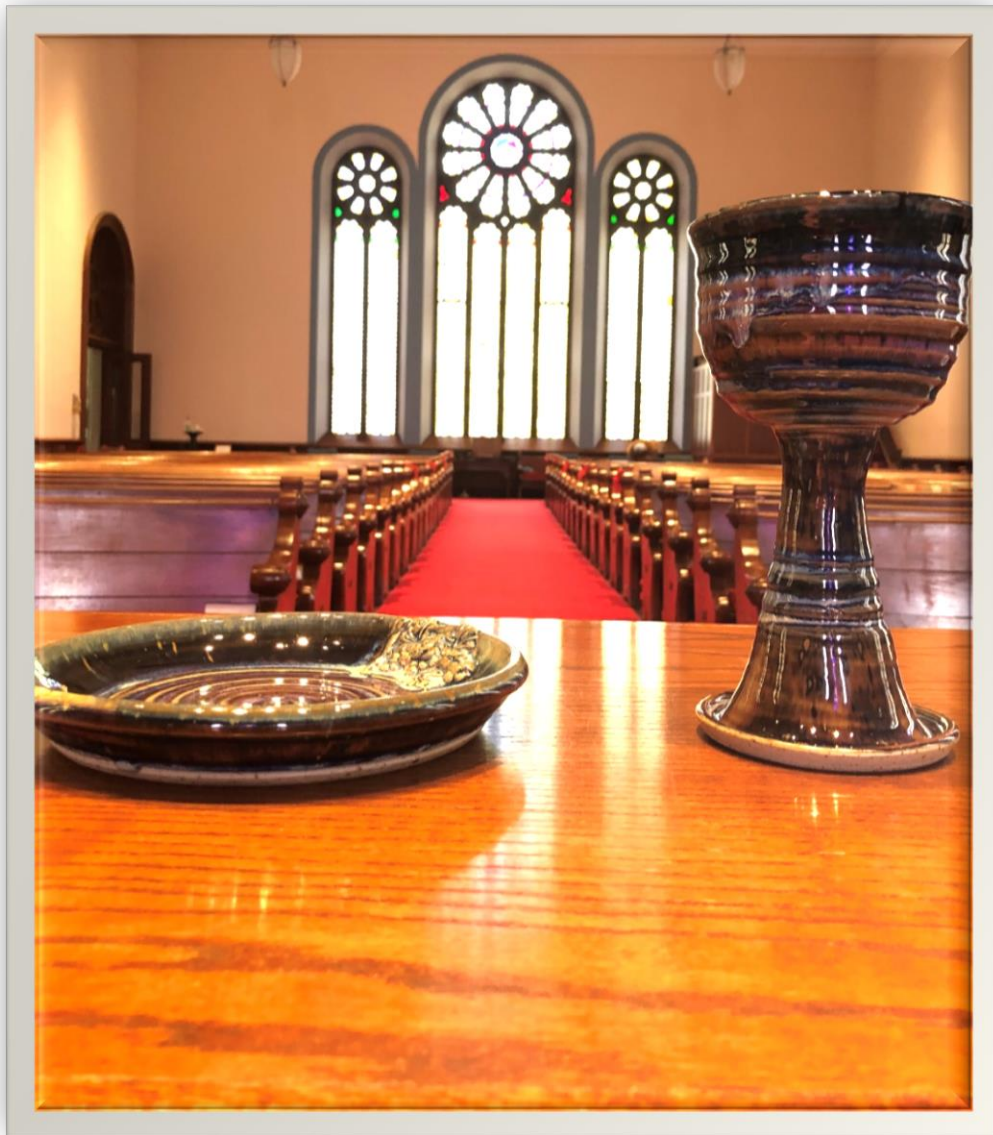


*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021*



“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

John 6:35. NRSV

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Yoshie Pomerville

Called to community,
we gather with humility, gentleness and patience,
bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

GTG 720

GATHERING PRAYER

Yoshie Pomerville

Giver of life,
Every day you rain down manna from heaven
So, we can eat the bread of angels.
Turn our complaints to gratitude,
That we, as a church,
May mature into the body of the risen Christ,
Given for the life of the world. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
you desire to gather your children.
But division and disagreement plague us.
We cling to rigid certainties,
approach each other in arrogance
and fail to listen.
We walk away from conflict,
rather than working through it.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Help us mature in faith and relationship.
Help us build each other up in love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

GTG 647

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Yoshie Pomerville

A STORY FOR ALL AGES *(a time for children young in years or young at heart)*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Yoshie Pomerville

Eternal God, your Word speaks truth into our lives.
When we humble ourselves to listen,
Open us to your Word read and proclaimed today,
so we might hear and embrace the message you intend for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Yoshie Pomerville

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:
in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
that we share one faith,
have one calling,
are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father,
are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope;
together come to know the height
and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
together are built up to the stature of Christ,
to the new humanity;
together know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another
and upbuild one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
pray together;
together serve God in this world;
and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

***HYMN**

"He is Lord"
(sing twice)

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

***HYMN**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG 609

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Now with the confidence of the children of God let us pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Cups containing bread and juice will be distributed. After all have been served, we will partake first of the bread and then the cup. Those joining us through our virtual front door please have bread and juice ready so that we, united by God's Spirit, may commune with Christ.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

GTG 726

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Worship is at 10:00 a.m. through September 5th.

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