

*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 18, 2021*



# GATHERING

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCES

Gene Haman

Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.  
God calls us to quiet and rest,  
even as we continue to minister to those in need.

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

GTG 611

## GATHERING PRAYER

Gene Haman

Holy One we want to be the sheep of your pasture.  
Care for us, feed us, lead us, we pray.  
Once we are strengthened by your presence,  
Raise us up to be shepherds ourselves  
Who tend to those who fear and dismay  
So that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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Let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**God of green pastures,  
we confess that we can get so busy and distracted  
that we lose sight of your love and care for us.  
We forget to live in gratitude  
and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy.  
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths  
that restore our souls. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ you have been restored  
to the grace of God. Believe the Good News!  
Your sins are forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

## SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG 647

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Gene Haman

## A STORY FOR ALL AGES

*(a time for children young in years or young at heart)*

Gene Haman

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gene Haman

May the reading of your Word  
draw near to you those of us once far off.  
May the hearing of your Word  
break down the dividing walls between us,  
for Jesus Christ, your living Word, is our peace. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gene Haman

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22  
The Word of the Lord.  
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Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34; 55-56

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### SERMON

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

### OFFERING

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### \*HYMN

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG 609

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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### 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.

# **SENDING**

**HYMN**

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

GTG 761

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

## **POSTLUDE**

**\*Those who wish to do so may stand.**

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Worship is at 10:00 a.m. through September 5<sup>th</sup>.

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