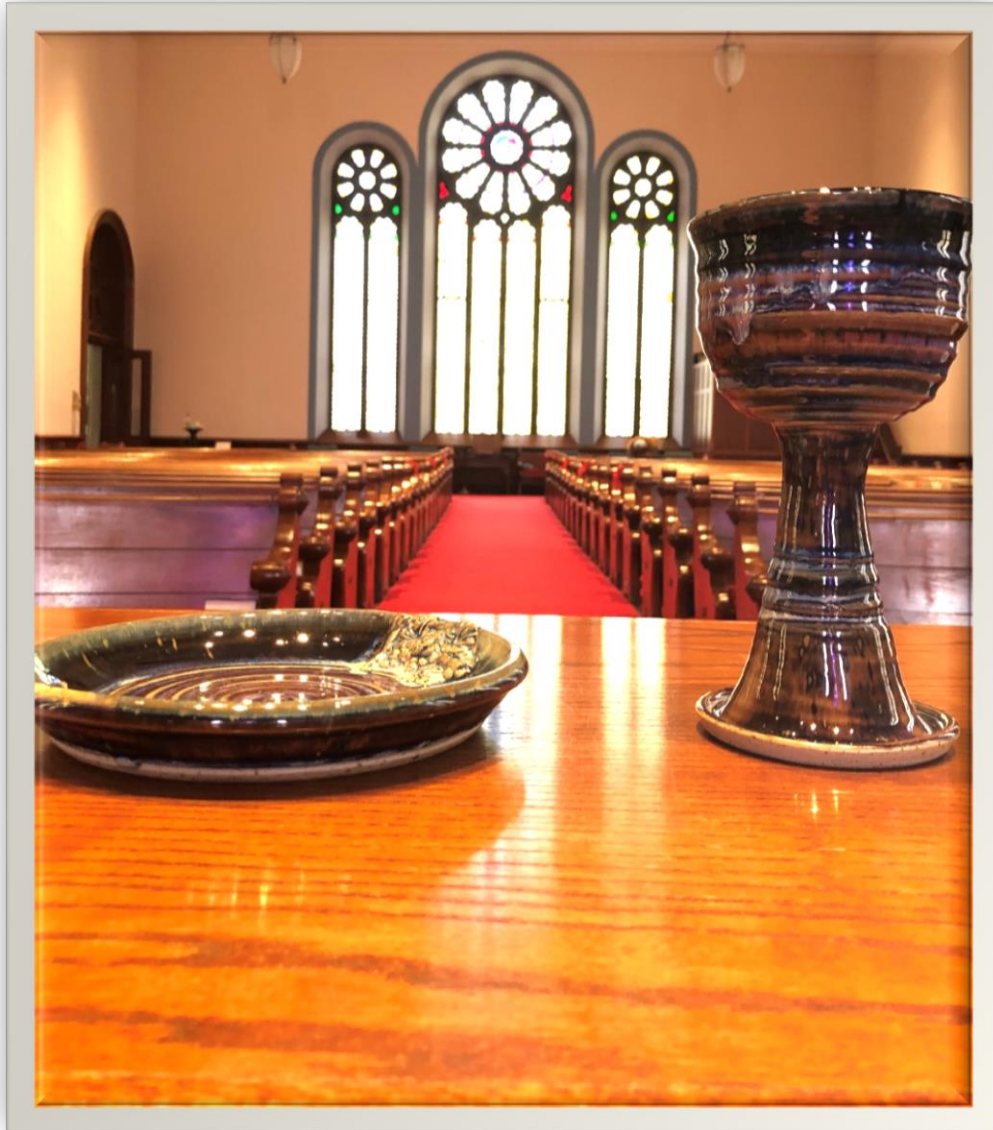


*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021*



*[We] look to you, heaven-dwelling God, look up to you for help.
We're watching and waiting, holding our breath, awaiting your word
of mercy. Mercy, GOD, mercy!*

Psalm 123:1a, 2b, 3a, The Message

GATHERING

WELCOME

Janet Spence

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

God is mighty

God's mercy is everlasting

Blessed is the one holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.

OPENING HYMN

"This is My Song"

GTG 340

GATHERING PRAYER

Janet Spence

O God of grace and mercy,

You call us to proclaim your healing

And faithfully fulfill your kin-dom mission,

Let us not count the cost of our wins and losses,

But keep our eyes fixed on you. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Let us confess our sins to God,

2 Cor. 12:9

Whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name,

Yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life

That we may return to faithful living.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending. Believe the good news!

Our sins are forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG 647

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Janet Spence

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

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit;
when we are stubborn and unbelieving
open our hearts to receive your Word,
then set us free to follow Christ in the power of Christ's love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Second Reading: Psalm 123
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

SERMON

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

OFFERING

Janet Spence

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.

...Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven
And with all the faithful of every time and place
Who forever praise your name saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord,
as we await his coming.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 everyone has been served, we
will partake first of the bread and then the cup. For those joining us through our virtual front
door, please have bread and juice ready so that we, united by God's Spirit, may commune
as one body in Christ.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

GTG 8

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

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