

*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe*  
*12th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 15, 2021*



# GATHERING

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCES

Sue Heisler

Praise God!

**We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart,**  
in this congregation we will seek wisdom.

**Great are the works of God studied by all who delight in them.**

God's deeds are amazing and to be remembered;

**God is gracious and merciful.**

The awe of God is the beginning of wisdom;

**All those who practice it have a good understanding. May God be praised forever.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

GTG 35

## GATHERING PRAYER

Sue Heisler

Eternal God,

Your Son, Jesus, is the true bread from heaven.

Draw us to Christ

that we may receive grace upon grace

so that we may be the body of Christ for the world—

sharing the riches of Christ's grace

with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life.

**Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we may not be the leaders of states,**

**the sovereigns of this world,**

**but we do have power.**

**We confess the ways we hoard our power,**

**or exert it over others in vain efforts to establish ourselves.**

**Forgive us for trying to make a name for ourselves**

**at the expense of others.**

**Forgive us for forgetting our own belovedness.**

**Show us the path of wisdom once more,**

**and give us the courage to walk this path, together. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG 647

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sue Heisler

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

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue Heisler

Speak, God. We are listening. If we need a gentle word, bring that word. If we need a strong one, bring a strong word. Come, Holy Spirit, ignite our imaginations and stir our hearts. Give us wisdom. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Psalm 34:9-14

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Third Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

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### SERMON

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(from the Westminster Catechism)*

What is God?

God is a Spirit,  
in and of God's self  
infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection;  
all-sufficient,  
eternal,  
unchangeable,  
incomprehensible,  
everywhere present,  
almighty;  
knowing all things,  
most wise,  
most holy,  
most just,  
most merciful and gracious,  
long-suffering,  
and abundant in goodness and truth.

## **\*HYMN**

"Bread of the World"

GTG 499

## **OFFERING**

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## **\*HYMN**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG 609

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

And hear us as we pray with one voice as you have taught, saying...

### **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**

“Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

GTG 546

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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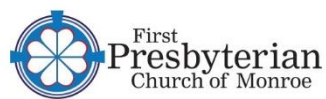
**Morning Prayer**  
**August 15-21**

*Loving God,  
Help me make the most of the time you give this day.  
Help me to be wise in my decisions  
and careful in my actions.  
Let my life be a continual act  
of gratitude and thanksgiving  
for your loving kindness,  
through Christ,  
who is in all things.  
Amen.*

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

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