

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021



*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.
This is the bread that came down from heaven...
The one who eats this bread will live forever.
Jesus said these things while teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.*

Portions of John 6:56, 58,59, NRSV

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Ann Lux

Choose this day whom you will serve.

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

GTG 687

GATHERING PRAYER

Ann Lux

Eternal Living God,

Your Son, Jesus, is the bread that came down from heaven.

Draw us to Christ in faith,

And let us abide in him,

So that we may receive grace upon grace,

To be good news in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess there are many gods who stake claim to our hearts.

The gods of money and power;

nation and family;

personal liberty or individual choice;

alcohol and drugs that silence the constant whisper—

"You are not good or good enough."

We betray you in a myriad of ways.

We build altars to other gods in your presence.

Have mercy on us, Life-giving God;

Turn us again to abide in you

that we may whole heartedly serve you and you alone.

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

GTG 647

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ann Lux

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

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann Lux

Open us to your life-giving Word, Holy God.
Help us set aside all that confuses the clarity you can bring.
Focus our attention on the Word read and proclaimed
so, we might hear and know your truth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Ann Lux

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 34:15-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

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SERMON

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Taste and See”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together
with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men
to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to
pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God,
empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***HYMN**

"As the Deer"

GTG 626

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

***HYMN**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG 609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom 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 kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***HYMN**

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

GTG 765

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Evening Prayer **August 22-28**

*Loving God,
As the day ends and the night begins
be near the broken hearted,
save the crushed in spirit,
and redeem the life of your people.
You are our shield by day.
Be our nail in a sure place by night
So that we may rest in the confidence of your grace
through Christ.
Amen.*

Summer Worship Time Change

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

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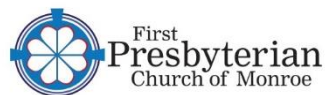
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