

*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe  
14th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 29, 2021*



**“Heart of the World”**

# GATHERING

WELCOME

Kim Hooper

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Stop. Take a deep breath. Look into your hearts.

**For God is waiting for us there.**

OPENING HYMN

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

GTG 299

GATHERING PRAYER

Kim Hooper

God of light and truth,  
you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.  
Before the brightness of your presence  
the angels veil their faces.  
With lowly reverence and adoring love  
we acclaim your glory  
and sing your praise,  
for you have shown us your truth and love  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Debra Davies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Debra Davies

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins  
and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will  
and follow the teachings and example of  
Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kim Hooper

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

## **WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kim Hooper

God of Grace, open our hearts and minds so that we may experience your Word read and proclaimed, that we may move ever closer to you.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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SERMON

“Resolutions of the Heart”

Elder Debra Davies

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles’ Creed

**Unison:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

GTG 610

OFFERING

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Elder Debra Davies

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Debra Davies

**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

“Take My Life”

GTG 697

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Elder Debra Davies

POSTLUDE

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### ***About our Guest Speaker this Sunday!***

*Debra Davies, M.Div., is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary (1998). She is a Ruling Elder of 40 years, having served four different congregations in that role as well as Clerk of Session in two congregations. She has long been involved in ecumenical activities, visited churches on three continents, and values the diversity of people of faith across Christian and non-Christian denominations and traditions.*

### **Chancel Flowers**

The Chancel flowers are in memory of Mary Haman's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **Summer Worship Time Change**

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

### **Pastoral Study Leave**

Pastor Doris will be on study leave beginning on August 28 through September 17. If there is a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact John Chesman, Clerk of Session at (734) 735-3166.

### **Pastor Doris—Contact Information**

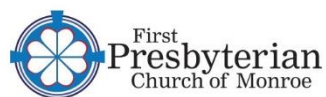
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