

*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021*



“O taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are those who take refuge in him.”
Psalm 34:8, NRSV

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
John 6:35, NRSV

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Maryanne Hooper

We wait for the Lord, our soul waits,

and in God's word we hope.

Our soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

*OPENING HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

GTG 720

GATHERING PRAYER

Maryanne Hooper

Eternal God,

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

Draw us to Christ

that we may receive nourishing grace

for our earth-time journey

and know the joy of everlasting life with Christ,

Who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
you desire to gather your children.**

But division and disagreement plague us.

We cling to rigid certainties,

approach each other in arrogance

and fail to listen.

We walk away from conflict,

rather than working through it.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Help us mature in faith and relationship.

Help us build each other up in love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG 647

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Maryanne Hooper

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

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Maryanne Hooper

Soften us God, so that we may approach your Word without pride or rigidness.
Show us, Jesus, what it means to belong to you and to each other.
Shake us, Spirit, so these words, saturate our inner being
and are made incarnate in our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: I Kings 19:4-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Third Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

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SERMON

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways
in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.
We believe
that we together know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;
we need one another and upbuild one another,
admonishing and comforting one another.
We believe that we suffer with one another
for the sake of righteousness;
pray together;
together serve God in this world;
and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.
We believe that this unity can be established
only in freedom and not under constraint.

***HYMN**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

GTG 394

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

***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**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

GTG 65

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Evening Prayer

August 8-14

O Christ,

you are the bread that sustains me.

Let me rest in peace

trusting that the grace you have given me for this day

will be renewed like manna in the wilderness,

nourishment for the challenge of tomorrow

and confirmation of the promise of eternal life. Amen.

Summer Worship Time Change

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

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