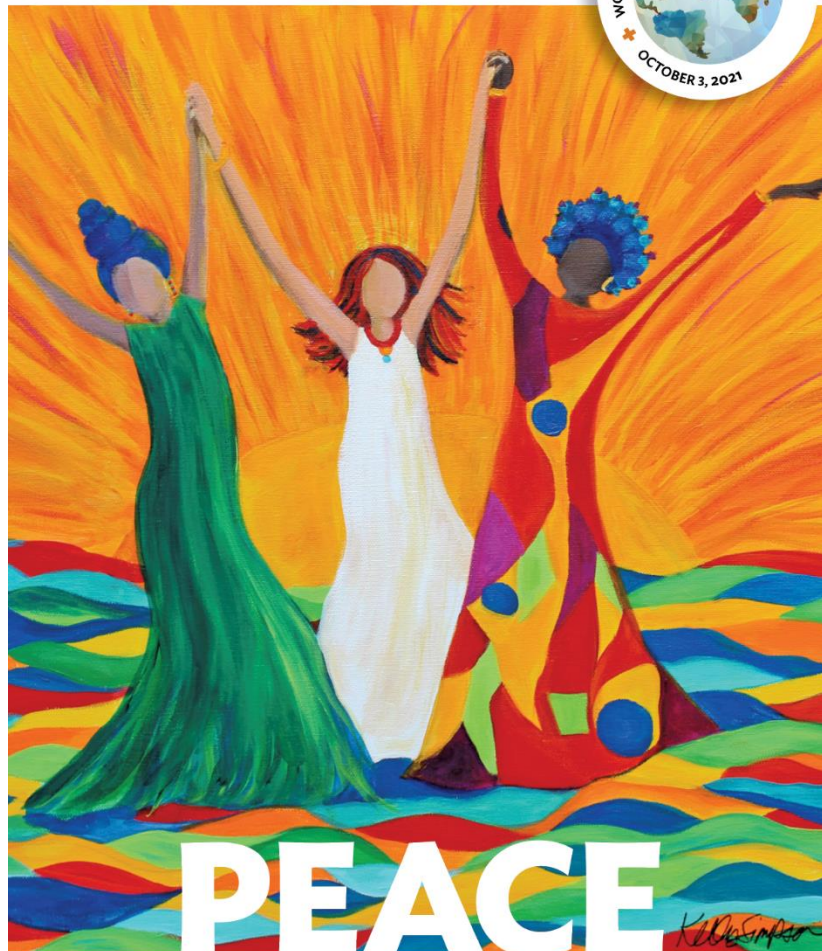


First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



at all times in all ways.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Janet Spence

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come All You People"

GTG 388

GATHERING PRAYER

Janet Spence

Mwari wedu (Our God who is)
Musiki wedu (Our Creator God)
Nyadenga wedu (Our Heavenly Father)
Bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships.
Bless us with anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation of people.
Bless us with tears to shed
for those who suffer from pain,
rejection, starvation and war.
Bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world.
Muzita raBaba,
nere Mwanakomana,
nere Mweya Mutsvene.
(In the name of the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.)
Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Silent Personal Examination

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment,
through our consumerist behavior
and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those gifts to trick each other,
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.
You gave us laws to order our lives,
and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak,
and honor the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.
Forgive us, Lord,
for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize
that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

SILENT CONFESSION**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS****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

Janet Spence

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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**

“He is Lord”
(sing twice)

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

***HYMN**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

GTG 609

EUCHARIST

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.

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 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.

***BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Cups containing bread and juice will be distributed. After all have been served, we will partake first of the bread and then the cup. Those joining us through our virtual front door please have bread and juice ready so that we, united by God's Spirit, may commune with Christ.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

GTG 765

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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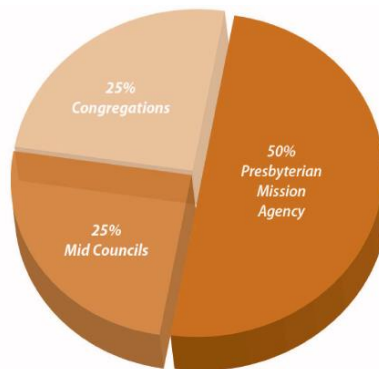
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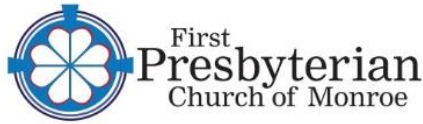
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