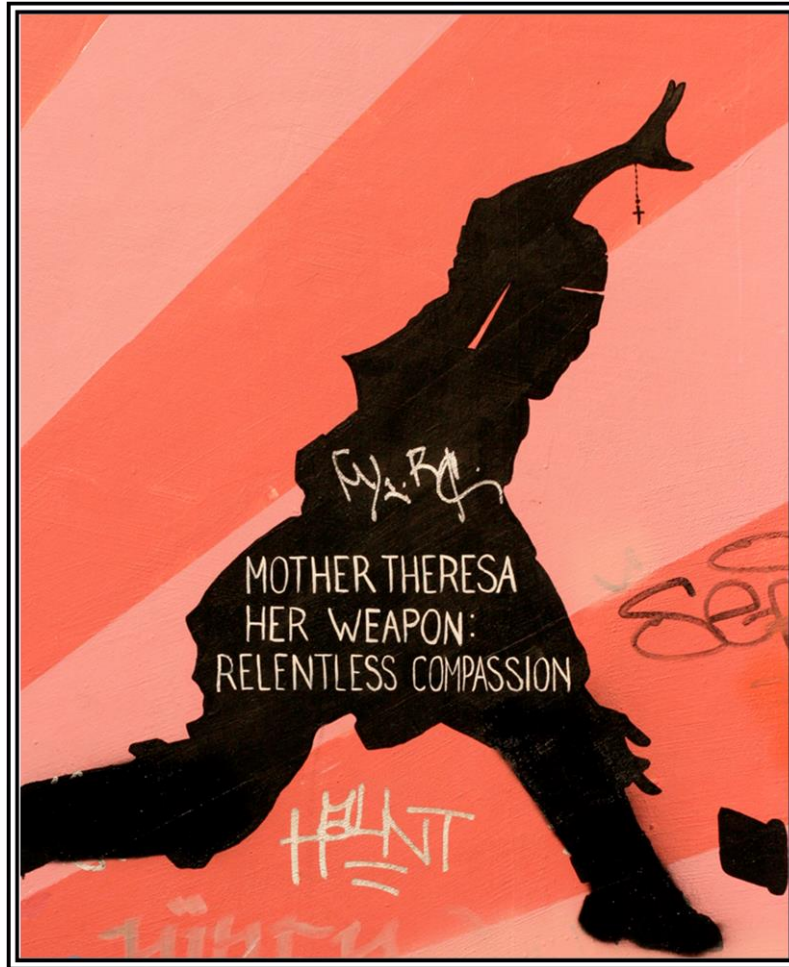


*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe*  
*17th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 19, 2021*



*“There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
and there are different ministries and the same Lord;  
and there are different activities  
but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”*

*I Corinthians 12:4-6, Common English Bible*

# GATHERING

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

## PRELUDE

### GREETING

II Cor. 13:13

Ann Lux

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Ann Lux

Let us worship God.  
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
**Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**  
Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

### GATHERING PRAYER

Ann Lux

Abba God and God of the mountains, by your grace  
you have called us to this time and place  
to be your servant people  
as we follow our Servant Lord.  
Come Holy Spirit move within and among us  
that together we may live a new life  
in the crucified and risen Christ.  
Bind us together in faith,  
so that as we receive all spiritual gifts  
needed to fulfill our calling,  
we may support one another in common ministry;  
through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

"God Is Here!" (verse 1 & 3)

GTG 409

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God,  
you have called us to be your people  
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.  
**We confess that we have not lived up to our calling  
to proclaim the good news in word and deed.  
We are quick to speak when we ought to listen**

and remain silent when it is time to speak.  
We put too much faith in our own actions  
and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.  
As you have chosen us  
and claimed us in our baptism,  
Strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.  
By your Holy Spirit give us the grace we need  
to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling;  
through Christ. Amen.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**SUNG RESPONSE** "Give Thanks" GTG 647

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Ann Lux

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

## WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Ann Lux

Speak, God. We are listening. If we need a gentle word, bring that word. If we need a strong word, bring a strong word. Ignite our imaginations and stir our hearts so that our hearts bear witness to your love and to the good news. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

First Reading	Micah 6:1-8	Ann Lux
Psalm 15		Ann Lux
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:37-40	Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION TO THE ORDERED MINISTRIES  
OF  
DEACON AND RULING ELDER**

*“Ordered ministries are gifts to the church to order its life so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish.”<sup>1</sup>*

*Ordination and Installation of Michael Dushane, Terry Dushane,  
George Pomerville, and Yoshie Pomerville  
to the ordered ministry of Deacon.*

*Installation of Josh Bahny, Nicole Bahny, Isabell Benedicto,  
Judy Chesman, Lynn Geiman, Jeff Haman,  
Marilyn Marshall, and Cathy Shorter  
to the ordered ministry of Deacon.*

*Installation of MaryAnne Hooper, Jennifer Hueston, and Ann Orwin  
to the ordered ministry of Ruling Elder.*

<b>*HYMN</b>	“What Does the Lord Require of You?”	GTG 70
<b>OFFERING</b>		Ann Lux
<b>*HYMN</b>	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	GTG 609

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

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**

<b>*HYMN</b>	“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”	GTG 757
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**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **Morning Prayer** **September 20-26**

*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, thanksgiving,  
and discipleship love,  
for your loving kindness,  
through Christ,  
who is in all things.  
Amen.*

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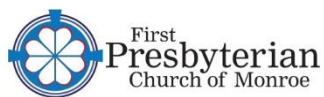
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