

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021



*“It is no use walking anywhere to preach
Unless our walking is our preaching.”*

St. Francis of Assisi

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Frary

Jesus says:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

**And blessed is the church
that trusts in the grace of Christ
to build congregational vitality.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Charlotte Frary

Holy God, by your Word and Spirit,
come and transform your church
to be a living sign of your love for the world—
where the poor are filled with good things,
the dividing walls are broken down,
and the dead are raised to new life;
through Christ, who is in all things. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

GTG 475

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

A voice is crying out in the wilderness
prepare the way of the Lord.
Trusting God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Time of silence for personal confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered
from your way of truth and life.**

**You call us to walk in newness of life
and to be witnesses to the resurrection,
but we dwell in the valley of dry bones
and keep silent about your saving love.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from sin, death and fear
so that we may serve you with gladness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit. I declare to you in the name of
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG 647

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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A STORY FOR ALL AGES

(a time for children young in years or young at heart)

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O God, with the voice of your Holy Spirit,
that we may know the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

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Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

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SERMON

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

***HYMN** "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus" GTG 262

OFFERING Charlotte Frary

***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 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** "Come! Live in the Light!" GTG 749
We Are Called

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Morning Prayer
October 11-October 17

*Steadfast, loving God,
in the morning I sing your praise.
Give me wisdom for this day
and rejoice in me,
as I rejoice in you. Amen.*

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