

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021



GATHERING

WELCOME

Helyn Schroeder

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Helyn Schroeder

Stop, breathe, take a moment to see the community of faith around you.
Leave behind your troubles and come and worship God who loves us always.

OPENING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

GTG 37

GATHERING PRAYER

Elder Debra Davies

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires, known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your Holy Name;
through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Debra Davies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Debra Davies

**Loving and Gracious God,
Our hearts are heavy. There is much trouble in our world.
Sometimes our fear overcomes us.
We become so concerned about ourselves and those closest to us,
that we forget about others near and far who may need our help.
In our fear, we struggle to see your presence in our world,
even thinking that you are apart from us.
Forgive us, Lord, for failing to notice your presence
in ourselves,
in others,
in all of your creation.**

**Open our hearts and minds to see your light shining in your creation,
and even in ourselves.**

**Help us to come together in the beloved community
so evidenced in our world in the person and example of Jesus, the Christ,
in whose name we pray.**

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Elder Debra Davies

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Debra Davies

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Helyn Schroeder

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

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Helyn Schroeder

O God, you are our advocate and friend, give us sensitive souls today in the presence of your Word and may its saving power find a lasting place in our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Mark 8:27-38

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SERMON

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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

“Though I May Speak”

GTG 693

OFFERING

Helyn Schroeder

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Elder Debra Davies

SENDING

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

GTG 826

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.

Worship Time Change

Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. starting September 12th.

Pastoral Study Leave

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

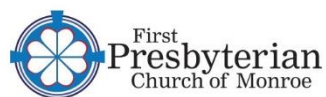
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