

First Presbyterian Church Morrison, Illinois
July 4, 2021 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15AM
Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

INTROIT Prepare the Way No. 13 Vs. 2

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Galatians 5:1, 13)
“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery... For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 123)
Pastor: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.
People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

HYMN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies No. 564

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
We have received spiritual freedom through Christ. As we seek to keep our lives dedicated to Christ, the world seeks to pull us away from concentrating on our spirituality, and seduces our body and mind to the lures of wealth and power. Further, our lives are complex, and changes are always occurring, and so often those changes are out of our control. Again, we get distracted and can forget to turn to you in our times of need. Forgive us and help us to let loose of what binds us. Help us to receive your Spirit so that it can shine through us, as we seek to live free through you.....
.....Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)
Following Christ is the path to the freedom we need in our life so that we may live fully with God, one another and with all of creation. In Christ we are set free from the world and find the love we need to overcome the challenging changes within our life. Praise God forever and ever! Amen.

HYMN Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) No. 579

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13
SERMON
HYMN My Country, 'Tis of Thee No. 561

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, p. 16)

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

HYMN Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) No. 592

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)
Lord, you have called us to you as your children. Through Christ, you have freed us from the bondage of sin. You have given us the ability to be a vessel for your will to work through us. For this, we give you great thanks. Help us, God, to see what you have set before us and may your will to be done in every aspect of our lives, so that peace and love may triumph here on earth. Amen.

*HYMN Lift Every Voice and Sing No. 563

POSTLUDE*

PASSING OF THE PEACE (greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”)

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthave, Windsor Manor and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bob Atherton, Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Glenda Hegwood, Omar Manchester, Joyce Mathew, Kurt Mills, Shirley Mills, Ruth Mitick, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Nancy Rector, Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, the family and friends of Dalb Temple, Dick Vandermyde.

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study has returned to in-person. We are meeting at the fellowship room in the church at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd (and 5th) Tuesdays of each month.

BIRTHDAYS

7/1: Kari Horack
7/2: Chad Huizenga
7/5: Ella Laughlin
7/8: Shanna Hudson

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
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Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian Jennifer Reynolds

Now
the Lord
is
the Spirit,
and where
the Spirit
of the Lord
is,
there is
freedom.

—2 Corinthians 3:17



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