

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



THE GATHERING WELCOME

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

*INTROIT Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies No. 462

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Romans 8:12-17)
“So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)
Pastor: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
Pastor: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
People: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Pastor: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, in there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for the darkness is as light to you.

Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
People: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King No. 455

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Forgive us Lord, for living for the flesh and not for the Spirit. You have gifted us with the ability to live with you surrounding us and working through us. Yet we continually turn away from you, and instead live for that which pleases our body. Help us to persevere in this life so that we may serve only you in all that we do. We pray this in Jesus’ name.
..... Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Jesus has taught us the Way. Jesus has died for us. We can live for the spirit in all that we do when we are centered on the Triune God. We can live with God right now, and our works can be those of love, if we so choose. Praise be Jesus’ name, forever and ever. Amen.

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

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

*HYMN We Plow the Fields and Scatter No. 560

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers”)

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

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)
Lord God, we thank you for the gift our own life. We thank you for the communities we have in our life. We thank you for the opportunity to be Spirit-centered and Spirit-led. We pray that as we begin a new life, once again, that we have the wisdom, courage, and passion to love one another so that your peace and justice may be spread throughout the land. Help us to be the vessels of your love in all that we do. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen!

*HYMN Spirit of the Living God No. 322

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah No. 281

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, Bob Atherton, Rick Barr, Dan Brandon, Rich Glazier, Orville Goodenough, Glenda Hegwood, Spencer Knox, Joyce Mathew, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Nancy Rector, Edna Reynolds, Cookee Shawver, Jean Slavin, Jean Temple, Julie Stinson, Dick Vandermyde.

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP—Pastor Mike and Katie continue to deliver livestreamed worship services each Sunday. Services will be available from the church’s Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison and from YouTube. View and subscribe to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Session has chosen to continue livestreamed services through the month of July. They will revisit when to reopen for in-person services at the July Session Meeting tomorrow, July 20.

JULY 26 WORSHIP—Pastor Mike will be on vacation July 22-30. You are encouraged to watch the United Methodist Church livestream service on Sunday, July 26, to see and hear their new pastor, Rev. Calvin Haines. Search for [Morrison United Methodist Church](#) on Youtube.com. Most Presbyterian churches in the area also offer livestream services that you could search for.

BIBLE STUDY will continue online through August at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday. *(There will be no study on July 28 when Mike is on vacation.)* The Zoom link, ID and password are: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71883561879?pwd=SVpjTDFwZUFEckhjeVB1RnJMQ0tvUT09>
Meeting ID: 718 8356 1879
Password: 5dHpfl

Free Produce Table is available now at the corner of Knox and Genesee Streets. As in past

Birthdays Coming Up

7/23: Kevin Bielema, Ryan Wiersema & Erica Wolf
7/28: Glenda Hegwood
7/31: Nancy Rector
8/1: Carol Wolf

years, share your excess produce with those in the community and take what you may need. Please maintain 6 feet separation if the table is occupied when you come.

Day Care Safety—A reminder that the day care is operating in our building using strict safety protocols. The church portion of the building remains closed except to those authorized. If you come to the church for any reason, masks and gloves must be worn in the kitchen. Everyone is asked to stay out of the daycare wing. DO NOT use the daycare door for any reason except fire escape/emergency.

STEWARDSHIP Thank you to those who continue to send their pledges and contributions to the church. **Bi-annual giving statements will be mailed soon.** Please send any “catch-up” donations to the church address below or use PayPal for a one-time or recurring donation. See www.firstpresmorrison.org for all the ways to give.

Upcoming Meetings

7/20: Deacons’ Mtg via Zoom 10AM
7/20: Session Mtg. via Zoom 6:30PM

Serving Today: Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Organist: Scott Vandermyde
Videographer, Reader, Wrangler of Wild Children,
Tech & Media Department CEO: Katie Selburg
Ministers: You

*Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.
He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night,
because the sun had set.
Taking one of the stones of the place,
he put it under his head and lay down in that place.
And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth,
the top of it reaching to heaven;
and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.
And the Lord stood beside him and said,
“I am the Lord,
the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac;
the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;
and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth,
and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east
and to the north and to the south;
and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.
Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,
and will bring you back to this land;
for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”
Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said,
“Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!”
And he was afraid,
and said, “How awesome is this place!
This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”
So Jacob rose early in the morning,
and he took the stone that he had put under his head
and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.
He called that place Bethel.*

—Genesis 28:10-19a

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