



**THE  
THIRD  
SUNDAY  
AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude in B-flat Major BWV 866–J.S. Bach*      Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 130)

Jim Haverstock, liturgist

Liturgist: Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Holy One, hear my voice.**

Liturgist: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

**People: In God's word I hope.**

Liturgist: My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

**People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      #420

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (liturgist & congregation)



As the family of God, let us share signs of familial love as we pass the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**MUSIC for MEDITATION**

**Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison with Liturgist)

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (Liturgist)

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Liturgist)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
Amen.

**First Reading:** *Genesis 3: 8 – 15* (Pew Bible p.3; Large Print p.4) – Liturgist

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 3: 20 - 35* (Pew Bible p.766; Large Print p.1544) – Pastor

**Epistle Reading:** *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1* (Pew Bible p.881; Large print p.1779) – Pastor  
Pastor: The word of the Lord    **People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**                      *Where's the Good News?*                      Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

**Hymn:**                      *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*                      #383

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** The Apostles' Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery  
**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.**

*Gloria Patri*                      #579

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & The Lord's Prayer**                      Reverend Cheryl Montgomery  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Call for the Offering**

Offertory

*\*Doxology*                      #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

**\*Closing Hymn**    *This is My Father's World*    #293

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**                      Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

**POSTLUDE**                      *He Lives*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

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Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Nigeria, Georgia, Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Our students graduating from high school and college

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

Monroe County's first responders, police officers and deputy sheriffs

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**Churches searching for Pastoral Leadership.** At any given time in our presbytery, several congregations are in search of installed pastoral leadership through the work of a PNC (pastor nominating committee). Other sessions are searching for part-time stated supply pastors. Still others are exploring the type of pastoral leadership that will best help them be in ministry to one another and their communities. Please pray for discernment for all involved in the search for pastoral leadership, for those pastors searching for a new call, and for the committee on ministry and presbytery staff that help guide congregations and pastors through times of transition.



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