

MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina Greenawalt and Leslie Neihouse

June 2, 2024

In Person and Facebook Live

10:00 a.m.

May our worship this week inspire us to embrace the dignity God gives us, and challenge us to embrace the dignity that God gives to all people around us.

Gathering Music: *One Bread, One Body*

Words of Welcome Pastor Christina

Call to Worship (**responsive**): Liturgist

One: The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me." Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

All: Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

One: God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

All: We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

One: The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

All: We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

One: Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

All: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.

Opening Hymn # 530: *One Bread, One Body*

*(Chorus) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.*

*And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (chorus)

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (chorus)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (chorus)

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

Call to Confession Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (**unison**):

You search us, Wonderful God, and what do you find? People whose minds are so full of the world's trash, that there is no room to think of others. People who offer stale crusts to the hungry, not the food which gives them life. People who are so busy patting ourselves on the back, that we cannot reach out to those who have fallen.

Forgive us, All merciful God. May we listen to your words of grace, and become more gracious. May we hear your words of hope, and then live as people overflowing with it. When you call us, may we respond, 'here am I,' as faithfully as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Silence is kept.*

AMEN

Words of Forgiveness

One: This is the good news, dear friends: the One who knows our worst fills us with the best – grace, wonder, and forgiveness.

ALL: Our ears tingle with this news, our hearts overflow with hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Response:

I Love You, Lord

Hymn # 627

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading:

Psalm 139:1-6

Page 710, OT

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music:

In Remembrance of Me

Jeana Lutz, soloist

Second Reading:

Mark 2:23-3:6

Page 44, NT

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message:

Rules, Rituals and Relationships

Rev. Christina Greenawalt

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Live Generously:

*The offering basket is near the back door of the sanctuary.
You may also give online at www.merrittislandpc.org*

Response:

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn # 500:

Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread (Verses 1 & 2)

*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.*

*Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.*

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

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.

Words of Institution/Distribution of the Elements

Closing Hymn # 546:

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing (Verse 1)

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Jennavon Brown

*Ushers: Anne Cole, June Hutchinson, Linda Whitten
Attendance Last Week: In Person: 36, On Line: 12*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today, whether you are here in person or online! We gather together as a church family, from wherever we may be. If you would like to know more about MIPC, how you can be more involved, or to speak to the pastor, please contact the church office at the number/email below.

Worshiping with Children: We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray that your family feels welcome and at home here at MIPC. Children's Church is available for Preschool-6th grade in our Activities Room, right after the first hymn.

Nursery Care: If you have infants or toddlers that need care during our worship service, we can help. Please ask one of our Ushers and they will direct you to someone.

Ways to Serve

Faith Formation Ministries: Here are 2 ways you can be of service to our ministry:

1. Vacation Bible School: July 15th- 19th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: We are in need of volunteers to help with many different aspects of this program (Snacks, games, crafts, activity stations, transporting kids to various stations). If you love to work with children, and are looking for a fun summer activity please come and join us. Interested in helping, please contact Pam Poland or Karri Fjeldheim. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.
2. Men's Bible Study: There has been some interest expressed regarding forming a men's Bible study group. We are in need of people to lead the study, and participants. Please contact Pam Poland or Karri Fjeldheim if you are interested in helping to start this new program. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.

Ways to Connect

Adult Faith Enrichment Class: Join us for Adult Faith Formation at 9:00 a.m. in the Session Room or on Zoom. Our new study is John MacArthur's *James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life*, with Dave Hertzler & Milt Seapker. All are welcome at any time! The Zoom link is emailed weekly.

Join us for coffee and snacks in the Narthex after worship today. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to bring food one week.

Women's Ministry: Fabulous Fridays! Come and join us in the Activities Room every other Friday @ 2:00 p.m. for our Women's Bible Study Group. Our study is titled "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts." For more information and questions: cj2hill@bellsouth.net or 321-431-5333.

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday:

June 2: Carolyn Crockett
June 4: Caroline Fjeldheim
June 5: Jacob Fjeldheim
June 7: Larry Peek

Happy Anniversary:

June 2: Chris & Megan Smoot

Our Prayers are with:* Cindy Bottomley, Dot Corbett, Carolyn Crockett, Andre Koodie, Elaine Krieger, Janet Post, Kelly Shephard, George Wilcox, and Bob Willett.

** Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared on our Prayer Chain Email (or if you'd like to be on the email distribution list), contact Jill Franklin at mipcprayerchain600@gmail.com, or make a note on the Prayer Request card in the pew.*

Thank you, Jeana Lutz and Jennavon Brown, for the beautiful music today!

THIS WEEK AT MIPC:

Monday, June 3, 11:15 AM:	Staff Meeting
Monday, June 3, 6:00 PM:	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 4, 8:00 PM:	AA, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 AM:	Heavenly Handmade, Activities Room
Thursday, June 6, 6:00 PM:	Square Dancers, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 8, 10:30 AM:	CPR Class, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 9, 9:00 AM:	Adult Faith Formation, Session Room/Zoom
Sunday, June 9, 10:00 AM:	Worship Service (in person or Facebook Live)
Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM:	Christ the King Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, June 9, 3:00 PM:	Girl Scouts, Activities Room

For more information on any of these events, check with the church office.

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