

From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, July 25, 2020

Midsummer Blessings

*Thus says the Lord:
The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.*

Jeremiah 31:2-3

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This Sunday (July 26), the service should be accessible at 10:30 A.M. or any time thereafter. Links are provided below for

- Church Chat at 9:30 A.M.
- The Summer Worship Series service at 10:30 A.M.
- Hymn Sing at 7:00 P.M.

FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 26:

9:30 A.M. Church Chat

**[Click here to join friends before the service
for Church Chat,](#)**

an online Zoom opportunity to see friends and check in before worship. Drop in and leave as you feel comfortable. A convener will simply make sure that everyone who wants to check in and catch up can do so. Feel free to join even if you think you want to be a silent participant. Everyone is welcome!

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10:30 A.M. Worship:

For this week's service, please go directly to the Montreat Conference Center [Worship page](#) and find the link for this week's service there.

Look for a box that will have the words "Join Sunday's Service Here," and click on that box.

The **bulletin** can also be downloaded from the Conference Center's Worship page. (Please note: the bulletin is sometimes not updated until the morning of the service.)

<https://montreat.org/events/summer-worship-2020>

Look for a box that will have the words "Download an Order of Worship" and click on that box.

Last Sunday's service (July 19) can be seen in its entirety [here](#).

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7:00 P.M. Montreat Hymn Sing

The summer hymn sings are held "in real time" and you can use [this link](#) to join.

For a PDF to accompany the evening's hymn sing, [click here](#).

A special "virtual" Montreat Wednesday has been scheduled for August 12 at 5:00 P.M. The touchstone of the program, *A Conversation on Race*, is a video produced by the Second

Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Virginia entitled
*A Conversation with Dr. William Lee on Racism in America
and the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death.*

Mainly in that discussion we're hearing Dr. George Anderson of Second Presbyterian, the son of our own Jane and Eade Anderson, offer questions for his friend and colleague, and Dr. Bill Lee speaking from his experience and observation.

We invite you to view this illuminating conversation in advance of the Montreat Wednesday presentation. It can be found online at any time at this link: <https://youtu.be/czuAvOtruKA?t=319>.

The purpose of our program is specifically to have an opportunity to reflect on the conversation between Bill Lee and George Anderson.

Our panelists for that reflection will be
Ann DuPre Rogers, LCSW,
executive director of Resources for Resilience,
and Heath Rada, moderator of the 221st General Assembly
of the PC(USA), 2014-15,
with MPC pastor Keith Grogg serving as moderator.

Details of how to "virtually attend" the online presentation will be announced next week.



*I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

*He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,*

making my steps secure.

*He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.*

Psalm 40:1-3

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