

God Gathers Us in Love

*Hymn #337 vs 1,4

“My Country, Tis of Thee”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Great God, author of liberty and giver of life, you protect us in the shelter of your wings. Help us to remember that you keep near to us and share our joys and sorrows. We ask forgiveness this day for all our fears and all our excuses. Have mercy on us for all the times we have fallen short. Show us the next steps you would have us take for we want to be your faithful follows. Keep us close that we may trust in your patience and your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

“Halle, Halle!”

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Reading of our Faith - An excerpt of the Declaration of Independence

Old Testament Scripture

Exodus 3:7-12

New Testament Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon

“Freedom and Fireworks”

*Hymn #339 vs 1,3

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution/Breaking and Pouring

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

Farewell Liturgy

Pastor: I thank God for the opportunity to serve as pastor here. I am grateful to you, members and friends of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church, for the love you have shown me. I am blessed for the ways in which I have grown in my knowledge and love of the Lord and in learning better ways to offer ministry. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes that I made and promise to learn from my mistakes. I will seek to be a better pastor and a stronger woman of faith. As I leave, I carry my learnings and my blessings with me.

People: We thank God for the gift of Frenchtown Presbyterian. We know that our pastor is answering God's call to depart from her ministry here. We lift-up prayers of gratitude for the blessings we have received this past year at Frenchtown Presbyterian. We ask forgiveness for our mistakes and we pray that we learn and grow in response. May God bless our shared ministry and ask that God guide us in the future.

Pastor: All transitions are hard, but God is with us and God's love for us never changes. I accept God's call on my heart to leave this ministry. I am thankful for the days I was called to serve here. The people of Frenchtown Presbyterian remain in my prayers of thanks. Our shared ministry and the love we have shared will have a lasting impact on my heart and in my life.

People: We know God is faithful. We thank God for the positive influence our pastor's ministry has had in the life of our church. We know her love for us remains even after her departure. We accept our pastor's gratitude and her request for forgiveness. We offer her forgiveness and we hope that our time together and our time of parting are pleasing in God's sight.

Pastor: At this time, I release you from turning to me and depending on me for I will no longer serve as your pastor. I encourage you in your continued ministry and I will pray for you and for your new pastor.

All: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is everlasting. We give you thanks for cherished memories and opportunities for learning and growing. We commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude

**please stand if able*

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

July 1st, 2018

8:00 AM 9:30 AM

Name (s) _____

E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phones _____

Street Address _____

City State Zip _____

Single

Married

Divorced

In a Serious Relationship

Widow/Widower

Children's Name (s)

Age _____ Grade _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Member

Member with Address & Contact Changes (see above)

Regular Attender

1st Time Visitor

Guest

of _____

New Resident in area from _____

Visiting while on Vacation