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Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary)

Good morning and Blessings to you this spring day! Today we gather via electronic worship and welcome all ages to participate in this blended worship experience. You may wish to have a Bible on hand to look up the passages. Kids: race your parents to look up the verses!

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Kelly LePenske

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Joel Krott, Organ

spiritual, arr. Rinehart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF ADORATION

ANTHEM

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Spiritual, arr. Kesscker

Ensemble from the Touring Choir

Karen Molloy, Piano

Cali Barton, Solo

Cali Barton, Lucy Clapperton, Lauren Clark, Rebecca Horn,
Shannon King, Maggie McNeil, Jessica Zorn

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.
No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word He said;
He went walking down to Lazrus' grave and He raised him from the dead.
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.
When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;
He took a towel and girded Himself and He washed His disciples' feet
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.
O'er yonder comes my Savior, Him Whom I love so well;
He has the palm of victory and the keys to death and hell.
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to fear, doubt, and division. We embody attitudes, speak harsh words, and behave in ways that lead to death and misery. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your love and power. Transform our hearts and make us new. Fill us with joy and abundant life that only Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, can give. Amen.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Spencer

PSALTER READING

Psalm 107

Kelly LePenske

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

² **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble.**

¹⁰ Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,

¹¹ **for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.**

¹² Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help.

¹³ **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;**

¹⁴ he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.

¹⁵ **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

¹⁶ For he shatters the doors of bronze, and cuts in two the bars of iron.

¹⁷ **Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹ **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;**

²⁰ he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

²¹ **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Silence for reflection and meditation

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

WAY OF THE WEEK #21

YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. (Genesis 12: 2, 3)

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5: 14-16)

OFFERTORY

THANK YOU to all who have signed up for our secure electronic giving; a simple automatic withdrawal or debit card transaction. Visit www.fpcmoorestown.org. You may also give via cell phone through the Church Center app (download from the Apple or Google Play App Store) or mail your offering to the church. Need help? Contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 986-4507 (cell/text) or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.

➤ See program notes for information about the Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering.

SOLO

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Frank Mitchell, Bass Joel Krott, Piano

Spiritual, arr. Boatner

I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim’s journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord walk with me, when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I’m in trouble, Lord walk with me, when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

SERMON

“YOU GOT IT”

Kelly LePenske

Scripture: [1 Thessalonians 2: 13-16 \(NLT\)](#)
Sermon Series: Becoming a Beacon

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Keep Me F’om Sinkin’ Down
Frank Mitchell, Bass Joel Krott, Piano

Spiritual, arr. Rosamond

Oh Lord, Oh my Lord oh my good Lord! Keep me f’om sinkin’ down.
I tell you what I mean to do, keep me f’om sinkin’ down:
I mean to go to heaven too. Keep me f’om sinkin’ down.
I look up yondah an’ what do I see? Keep me f’om sinkin’ down.
I see the angels beckonin’ me, Keep me f’om sinkin’ down.
Oh Lord, Oh my Lord oh my good Lord! Keep me f’om sinkin’ down.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(view performance)

[Praises \(Lift Him Up\)](#)

Martin and Christine Bass

BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

Kelly LePenske

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry (Blended, Sanctuary)

Music: Joel Krott; Martin and Christine Bass, Kathy Gunsallus
Choir Ensemble: Cali Barton, Lucy Clapperton, Lauren Clark, Rebecca Horn,
Shannon King, Maggie McNeil, Jessica Zorn
Soloist: Frank Mitchell
Sound Technicians: Harris Ransom, Sam Spencer, Martin Bass
Flower Arranger: Stacy Schaffer

- **Today’s flowers** are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of Spring!
- **Next Sunday, May 24, Live Stream Worship 9:30 a.m.:** Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2: 17-3:13. Stuart Spencer preaches “Forever Standing” in our sermon series “Becoming a Beacon.”
- **Connect with First Presbyterian Church** for live streamed worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for a blended service and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for our Evening Prayer Service. Go to www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream from any device, as well as our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). If you can’t log on live, visit the site later to watch the recorded service.

- **NEW: On Sunday, May 31, Pentecost, a special offering** will be collected to aid local missions. Please use the special drop down with your online gift, or put "[Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering](#)" in the memo line of your mailed check. You may also drop off your donation during the [Food Pantry Parade](#) on May 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. by the Deacons. No cash please.
- **The church office is CLOSED until further notice.** Staff members are working at home and reachable via e-mail, phone and text. Are you receiving the Friday eblast? And our Facebook posts? If not, email Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org so you can keep up with FPC news. God bless you and keep well.
- [Celebrate Pastor Stuart's 2nd Anniversary](#) (May 8) at FPC Moorestown by sending him well wishes! We're collecting electronic greetings on our [Facebook page](#) (can you e-high five?) or you can send him an email at spencer@fpcmoorestown.org.



RESOURCES for sermon series: Becoming A Beacon: Studies in 1 Thessalonians

1. [The Amazing Love of Paul's Model Church](#) by Edward N. Gross (available through Amazon)
This book on the church of Thessalonica confronts us as disciples with the strategic and visionary way early followers of Christ understood the good news of the Gospel, internalized it and lived accordingly -- with great impact.
2. [The Harvest Prayer of Jesus](#) by Edward N. Gross (Available through Parson'sPorch.com).
Notice that there is a 25% reduction by putting GOODBOOK in the code at checkout.

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Thank You to our 2019-20 Teachers!

3 and 4-Year Olds Class

Joann & Bill Nawrocki, Alexis Mann

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Class

Jen Krott, Karen Alecxih, Jenny & Jeff Legath, Caitlin Barr

2nd and 3rd Grade Class

Joan Litt, Kim Neindorff, Laurie & Anthony LaMonica, Jen Allen

Kingdom Kids Leaders

Holly Ascitutto, Rachel Scarborough, Joann & Jonathan Nawrocki

4th Grade Class

Tamara Trzeciak, Jacqueline Grant, Natalie Roy

5th and 6th Grade Class

Leslie Spencer, Philip Jagiela

Crossing Zone Leaders

Holly Ascitutto, Rachel Scarborough

Middle School

Dave & Adrienne Barr, Amy Delgado, Stephanie Mann

High School Youth Leaders

Dave Fauvell, Carl Krott, Dan & Ashley Wonneberger

Youth Leader: Liz Greene

Adult Education Classes

Paul Ascitutto, Paul Booker, Lorenzo & Kelly Eagles, Kevin Fauvell,

Paul Grossmann, Jenny Legath, Kelly LePenske, Jenny Revucky,

Stuart Spencer, Ruth Stotsenburg, Steve Trzeciak, Arlita Winston

Small Group Leaders

Wes & Jen Allen, Paul Ascitutto, Martin & Christine Bass, Nancy Chumney, Jenna Cole,

Jim Cole, Melissa Corbin, Lorenzo & Kelly Eagles, Betsy Gildehaus, Paul Grossmann,

Liz Hagan, Allison Heller, Jean Kunkel, Jenny Legath, Kelly LePenske,

Winnie Lyall, Tom & Ann McBride, Bruce Melson, Jonathan Miller, Marion Norcross,

Gayle Payne, Joyce Peacock, Brian & Kristen Perkowski, John & Peg Pierce, Sue Piper,

Jenny Revucky, Jeremy & Sarah Rotter, Steve & Tamara Trzeciak, Norm & Linda Vandergrift,

Merritt Wikle, Janet Wilkie, Joe & Arlita Winston, Rev. Anthony Maimone (*The Evergreens/ACTS*),

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