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PRINTABLE ORDER FOR LIVE STREAM WORSHIP Sunday, April 26, 2020

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

Good morning! 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 Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship Day By Day arr. Brantley

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

CALL TO Worship Stuart Spencer

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Kelly LePenske

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 dread. We are bound by ways that lead to death and misery. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of the life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER READING Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (NRSV) Kelly LePenske

Silence for reflection and meditation

Special Music Give Me Jesus Spiritual, Arr. Burleigh

Ava Gandy-Callahan, Alto Joel Krott, Piano

O when I come to die, Give me Jesus. You may have all dis worl', Give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus. You may have all dis worl', Give me Jesus.

Spellings, etc. correct - - African-American dialect.

Sharing with our Children Stuart Spencer

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

Kelly LePenske

WAY OF THE WEEK 18

ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and to be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress. (Psalm 107:6)

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. (2 Corinthians 12: 9)

But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. (1 Corinthians 15: 10)

OFFERTORY

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Solo**Like as the Hart ** Liddle

Frank Mitchell, Bass

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul for Thee, Oh God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when my soul come before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me: "Where is now thy God?" - Psalm 42:1-3 *correct spelling

SERMON "PRELUDE: A THREE-WEEK STORM" Stuart Spencer

Scripture: Acts 17: 1-9 (NRSV)
Sermon Series: Becoming a Beacon

Music in Preparation for Service I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Thygerson

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Benediction and Going Forth Stuart Spencer

SPECIAL Music Blessed Assurance Fanny J. Crosby/Knapp

(see performance here) Martin and Christine Bass

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

Music: Joel Krott, Kathy Gunsallus, Martin and Christine Bass

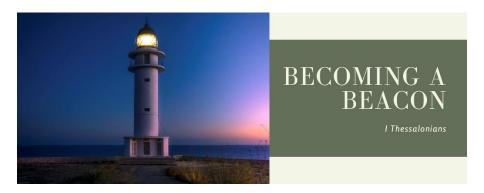
Soloists: Ava Gandy-Callahan and Frank Mitchell
Sound Technicians: Harris Ransom, Sam Spencer, Martin Bass

Flower Arranger: Gretchen Birdsall

• Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Lucy Rorke-Adams in loving memory of Elizabeth Seropian and Maline Broburg, sisters of Lucy and the late Harry Knowles

- Next Sunday, May 3, Live Stream Worship 9:30 a.m.: Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10. Rev.
 Spencer preaches "I Can't Stop Thanking God" continuing our sermon series "Becoming a Beacon." We will participate in home communion for the Lord's Supper.
- 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 your computer, phone or tablet. If you can't log on live, visit the site at a later time and enjoy the recorded worship service.
- The church office is CLOSED until further notice. Staff members are reachable via e-mail, phone and text, and are working at home. Are you receiving the Friday eblast? And our Facebook posts? If not, email Jan Martin at imartin@fpcmoorestown.org so you can keep up with FPC news. God bless you and keep well.

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

- 1. <u>The Amazing Love of Paul's Model Church</u> 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. <u>Disciple-Making Seminar (Zoom) with Ed Gross</u> Saturday, May 2 from 8:45 a.m. noon. Contact Jan Martin for registration information.
- 3. On-line Disciple Making Forum (https://discipleship.org/). April 29 & 30, 2020. This livestream event is FREE.