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**PRINTABLE ORDER FOR LIVE STREAM WORSHIP**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 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**

*Allemande and Gigue*  
Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

Lully

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Kelly LePenske

**Our gracious God and heavenly Father, we come confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak out your Word. When the wind of the Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. Forgive us, Lord, for our closed minds, hearts, and lives. By your loving grace, open us fully to all that you have for us. We pray these things in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.**

*Time for personal prayers of confession before God*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Kelly LePenske

**SOLO**

*O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless*  
Fernando Mancillas, Tenor      Joel Krott, Piano

Handel

O Lord, whose mercies numberless o'er all Thy works prevail.  
Though daily mankind Thy laws transgress, Thy patience cannot fail.  
If yet our sins remain before Thee, let Thy love our lives control.  
Now, Lord, within us repentance see, and come to heal each soul, each wounded soul.

**SHARING WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Stuart Spencer

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

Kelly LePenske

**WAY OF THE WEEK #22: REST AND REFLECT**

Stuart Spencer

Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

*On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. (Genesis 2: 2-3)*

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)*

**OFFERTORY**

THANK YOU to all who have signed up for our secure electronic giving; a simple automatic withdrawal or debit card transaction. Visit <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/giving>. 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](mailto:nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org).

- See program notes for information about the Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering (May 31).

**SOLO**

*America, The Beautiful*

Ward

Fernando Mancillas, Tenor          Joel Krott, Organ

**SERMON**

**"FOREVER STANDING"**

Stuart Spencer

Scripture: [1 Thessalonians 2: 17-3:13 \(NRSV\)](#)

**Sermon Series: Becoming a Beacon**

**MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*March*

Jeremiah Clarke

Joel Krott, Organ

**BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH**

Stuart Spencer

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

[Amazing God](#)

(view performance)

Martin and Christine Bass

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

**Music:** Joel Krott; Vikram Joshi; Martin and Christine Bass

**Soloist:** Fernando Mancillas

**Sound Technicians:** Harris Ransom, Sam Spencer, Martin Bass

**Flower Arranger:** Carol Morgan

- **Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of his wife Jane Murphy by Kim Murphy.
- **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 (no cash please). You may also drop off your donation during the May 31st [Food Pantry Parade](#) from 12:30-2:00 p.m. as you drop off non-perishable food items in a drive-by event.
- **A Special Meeting of the Congregation** will be held Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m via Zoom, immediately following the 9:30 am live stream worship. Check-in on Zoom will begin by 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning **July 1, 2020**. No other business may be brought before the congregation. **Watch for Zoom Meeting ID and Password on our events page.**
- **The church office is CLOSED.** Staff members are reachable at home via email, phone and text. Are you receiving the Friday eblast? And our Facebook posts? If not, email Jan Martin at [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org) so you can keep up with FPC news.
- **Live Stream Worship** -- Connect with FPC Moorestown for live stream worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for a blended service and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for our Prayer Service. Go to [www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream) from any device, as well as our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). Can't log on live? Visit the site later to watch the recorded service.



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.