



Sunday, February 14, 2021 ~ 6th Sunday After Epiphany
9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #10

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

- *Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. (Galatians 6: 2, 3)*

Ideas for Action: Is there some task you're doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you're facing.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Joel Krott, Organ

Marcello

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 148)

Luke Maxted

Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens; praise him from the heights above. Praise God all his angels; praise God, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars and glorious galaxies.

Let them all praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created.

Praise God from the earth, you mountain and all hills, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

Let everything with life and breath praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
God's splendor is above the earth and the heavens. People of God: let us praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession

Frantz Constant

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the created things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken to worship you. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Frantz Constant

The Lord God has promised, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

We hear the Good News: Through Christ our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed. Thank you, God!

Solo

The Wonders of the Universe

Cesti

Gwen Wilkie, Soprano
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

O maker of the universe, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth! For Thou alone hast set Thy glory in the skies. When I behold Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, O Lord, what is man that Thou are mindful of Him? For Thou, Lord, hast made him little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

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Offertory Music

The Earth Adorned

Ahlen

Janet Wilkie, Margaret Munro, and Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano; Gwen Wilkie and Alexis Fields, Alto; Fernando Mancillas and Sam Scheibe, Tenor; Frank Mitchell and Stephen Gross, Bass

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer splendor.

From out the wood the birds now sing and each its song now raises,
To join with all the universe invoicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation
In praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life, creation's glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep Your word and live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade and time is fleeting ever;
God's Word remains forever.

Sermon

Luke Maxted

"Day 6: A Wonderful World and You Belong In It"

Scripture Text: [Genesis 1: 24-31 \(NLT\)](#)

Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals." And that is what happened. ²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings^[a] in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth,^[b] and the small animals that scurry along the ground." ²⁷ So God created human beings^[c] in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them ...

Music in Preparation for Service

Trumpet Fanfare

Mouret

Joel Krott, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Luke Maxted

Those in the sanctuary are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

Special Music (presented by video)

Deep River

Arr. Moses Hogan


Yanellie Pabon Garcia, in recognition and support of Black History month

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Shaffer and Carol Morgan
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Brett Couvillion, Barry Leatherman
Trustee Greeter:	Wendy Dougherty
Guest Preacher:	Luke Maxted
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Linda and Philip Jagiela in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Susan Jagiela.

- We welcome **guest preacher** Luke Maxted this morning (no snow!). Luke is a fellow at UrbanPromise and a graduate of the London School of Theology. Luke studied at London School of Theology where he earned a degree in Theology and completed a research Masters on God as Father in Matthew's Gospel. Since graduating he has worked as a pastor in a Baptist church in London and an Anglican church in the suburbs of London where he specialized in ministry with children and families. Luke and his wife Kelly have two sons, Reuben (8) and Judah (5). He is a fellow at UrbanPromise International with Kelly and they plan to launch the UK's first UrbanPromise when they return home. 
- **Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday.** This year, we will offer two special **"Ashes on the Go" events** for imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 5:00 pm. Participants will drive into the main parking lot and be greeted safely for prayer and, if desired, the imposition of ashes. Please wear masks. Deacons will be collecting food for local food pantries in a contact free drop off. That evening, Beth Douglass preaches at our Worship Service at 7:00 p.m., which is by live stream only (no in-person participation).
- **Lenten Book Study:** During Lent we'll be reading [*The Good and Beautiful Community*](#) by James Bryan Smith, a professor and Methodist pastor who has a heart for the church and spiritual formation. How do we become more authentic Christ-followers? How do we become a beloved and vital community for others, no matter our differences?
 - SIGN UP online: (<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/groups/lent-book-groups-2021>). See details on online events page, website and eblast.
 - **Signs ups are OPEN!** Groups begin Sunday, Feb. 21 via Zoom or safely in-person.
 - Contact Kelly LePenske or Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688 to sign up or to purchase a copy of the hardcover book for \$12.
- **Inquirers Class Wed. March 3 (7:00-8:30 pm) and Saturday, March 6 (8:30-10:30 am)** via Zoom, led by Pastor Stuart for those who want to learn about FPC Moorestown and potentially join our congregation. Members will meet with Session via Zoom on Sunday, March 7 (11 am). [See our events page and website](#) to register or call Alison in the church office at 856.235.1688.