



**Sunday, February 17, 2021 ~ Ash Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary, live stream)

### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Welcome, Way of the Week

**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.

*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. (Ecclesiastes 4: 9)*

**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

***When in the Hour of Utmost Need***

Joel Krott, Organ

J.S. Bach

#### Greeting

Frantz Constant

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **God's mercy endures forever.**

## Opening Prayer

Frantz Constant

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Almighty and everlasting God, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us for fellowship with you. You brought about our redemption through Jesus Christ to restore us to fellowship with you. Today we acknowledge you as our Creator and Redeemer. We acknowledge the frailty of our lives, the pain of our sinfulness, and even the weakness of our faith. Work in us, we pray, a spirit of true humility and fervor, as we join now to offer our prayers to you. Amen

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

### Gospel Lesson (presented by video)

Kelly LePenske

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Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### New Testament Lesson

Frantz Constant

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1 Peter 1:13-16

### Old Testament Lesson

Beth Douglass

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Psalm 51: 1-17

### RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Beth Douglass

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#### ***"I Don't Think Purell is Going to Cover It"***

Scripture Text: [Psalm 51: 1-17 \(NLT\)](#)

### Prayer

Stuart Spencer

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Let us pray together as God's people:

**Almighty and everlasting God, we enter this season of Lent in penitence and humility, aware of our own mortality and sinfulness. Encourage us with your presence, we pray, that we may empty ourselves of whatever separates us from you and one another. Teach us to rely on no strength but yours, as we journey with your Son toward your kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence*

Lord, our God, make of us pilgrims throughout these forty days. We pledge to walk in the light of your Word and by the power of your Spirit. Strengthen us in our commitment, we pray, that we may serve you and each other in the love of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Special Music

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### ***If With All Your Hearts***

Mendelssohn

Fernando Mancillas, Tenor  
Joel Krott, Organ

Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments. For your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the Word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me," thus saith our God.  
Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might ever come before His presence.  
If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me," thus saith our God.

## Response of Penitence and Dedication

Stuart Spencer

People of God, each year we remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which he overcame death and provided for us redemption from sin. Lent is a season of preparation for this celebration, a time for personal and communal renewal and penitence. I invite you, then, to self-examination, prayer, meditation upon God's Word, giving of alms, and fasting during this season of Lent. May God bless us as we strive to walk in the way of our Lord.

*Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 51 offered in unison.*

**Merciful God,  
Have mercy on our souls,  
according to your unwavering love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long.**

**Instead write on our hearts your love  
Your boundaries for our lives  
Your salvation that sets us free from our sins.  
To live the abundant life you have for each of us.**

**Lord we would see Jesus,  
We would love Jesus,  
We would follow Jesus  
We would serve Jesus.**

**Lord, Create in us clean hearts,  
Renew your spirit within us.  
Do not turn us away from your presence,  
do not take your holy spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in us a willing spirit.  
Write on our hearts, your love O God. Amen**

*Silence*

## Special Music

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### *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

J.S. Bach

Janet Wilkie, Soprano  
Joel Krott, Organ

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me:  
Long my heart hath panted, till it well-nigh fainted, thirsting after thee.  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, I will suffer naught to hide Thee, ask for naught beside Thee.

In Thine arm I rest me: foes who would molest me, cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, God dispels our fear;  
Sin and hell in conflict fell with their heaviest storms assail us: Jesus will not fail us.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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Stuart Spencer

The Invitation to the Table  
The Words of Institution  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Sending Blessing

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Beth Douglass

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## 9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom  
**Live Video Streaming:** Merritt Wikle  
**Seminary Interns:** Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

- **The Journey of Lent** began today with two special drive-through Ashes on the Go events for imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 5:00 pm. Participants drove into the main parking lot and were greeted for prayer and the imposition of ashes on the forehead or the back of the hand. We also collected food for the Moorestown Ministerium food pantry at a contact-free drop off coordinated by our Deacons.



- **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? [Visit the online events page](#), website and eblast for sign up information. **Signs ups are OPEN**; groups begin Sunday, Feb. 21 via Zoom on safely in-person. Contact Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113 to sign up or to purchase a copy of the book for \$12.