



Sunday, April 11, 2021 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #18

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and 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.

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)

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

Music in Preparation for Worship

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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Call to Worship

Frantz Constant

Glory to you, Lord God!

On Easter you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus!

For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened for us the gates to everlasting life.

Blessed are you, Spirit of God!

You lead us into truth, and you abide within us forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Kelly LePenske

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Kelly LePenske

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned bitter and close-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have hurt others, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

(Time for our personal prayers of confession to God.)

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may see your awesome deeds, in the name and for the sake of Jesus, the risen One. Because we agree in prayer, let God's people say: **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kelly LePenske

I bring you Good News of great joy that will be for all the people.

To all and to each, on His community and on His friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

*Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. These offerings allow us to fully support our staff and honor commitments to mission partners during the pandemic. Thank you to all who have signed up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or are giving directly through the [Church Center app](#) for tithes and offerings. **Please mark "Easter offering" on checks mailed to the church or given through the offering plate for your holiday offering. Electronic givers may use the convenient drop down for Easter Offering.***

Offertory Music

Consider the Lilies

Hoffman

Fernando Mancillas, Tenor
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Consider the lilies of the field; How they grow.
Consider the birds in the sky; How they fly.
He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the birds in the sky.
And He will feed those who trust him and guide them with His eye.
Consider the sheep of His fold; How they follow where He leads.
Tho' the path may wind across the fold,
And He will heal those who trust Him,
And make their hearts as gold.

Sermon

Frantz Constant

"Do You Believe ..."

Scripture Text: [John 20: 19-31](#)

Music in Preparation for Service

Rejoice, The Lord is King

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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Benediction and Going Forth

Kelly LePenske

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.

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Carol Morgan
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee:	Mike Ramage
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given by Sheila Schneider to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franz Schneider and our parents.

TODAY: [Drive Through Wedding Shower for Kelly and Joey; 12:30-1:30 p.m., Main Parking Lot!](#) 😊

THIS WEEK: Return to Two Services – Beginning this week, we return to worship services at 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). Sunday School for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our Thursday Prayer Service is at 7:00 p.m. via live stream. **VOLUNTEERS are needed to facilitate check-in!** [Please visit our online events page!](#)

Pastor Spencer will be away on Study Leave from April 12-19. In his absence, Kelly LePenske is available for pastoral care.

Live Stream Check-In -- In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App. It just takes a few seconds. When watching the live stream from anywhere on Sunday morning: (1) Open the Church Center App on your phone or device. Select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right); (2) tap the service you are viewing; (3) Check in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching.

[Gracism: The Art of Inclusion](#) – **A joint, virtual study with the Converge Church** coming in June, Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. FPC Moorestown and the Converge Church, a multicultural congregation in Moorestown, will join together for a four-week study of the book, *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. We can look at color, class and culture in a positive way. That's "gracism." Pastor David Anderson, senior pastor of the Bridgeway Community Church, invites followers of Jesus to respond to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism, radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Our joint study allows for our two congregations to study, listen, share, and pray together while beginning or building friendships. [Visit our website and online events page.](#) For additional information on Gracism, visit the website: Gracism: www.embracegracism.com.