



Sunday, April 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally; and as Christ has received you, receive others.

- *"Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that He was associating with such sinful people – even eating with them!" (Luke 15:1-2)*
- *"Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you, so that God will be given glory." (Romans 15:7)*

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

In Jesus' Name

Great Are You, Lord

Call to Worship

Beth Douglass

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyfully songs of praise.

Prayer of Confession

Frantz Constant

Holy God, we confess that we easily stray from Your truth and love in thought, word and deed. We close our minds, hearts and hands to You and our neighbors each day. Open our hearts to Your power, moving around us and between us and within us, until Your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.

Time for silent prayer and reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness *(from Ezekiel)*

Frantz Constant

Praise God we are not asked to overcome our weaknesses alone, which is impossible! Friends, because of God's love and power, we're no longer controlled by our fears, habits and sins. Indeed we are forgiven and freed to live boldly for Christ and one another. Together we celebrate God's work in our lives:

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you," says the Lord. "I will put My Spirit within you and you shall live." Let it be so!

Sharing with Our Children

Kelly LePenske

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer *('debts')*

Kelly LePenske

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

*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.*

Praise Song

Worship Team

Holy Spirit

Sermon

Beth Douglass

"Are You My...Enemy?" Social Media's Challenges for Christian Life

Scripture Text: [Psalm 25:1-15](#)

Closing Song

Worship Team

Overcome

Benediction and Going Forth

Beth Douglass

You are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located by the doors into Miller Commons. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Dave Barr and Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Return to Two Services: We have returned to two worship services and are happy to be able to safely provide the experience of our Contemporary Service. The Traditional Service resumes its 8:30 a.m. time in the Sanctuary; and the Contemporary Service begins at 11:00 a.m. in Miller Commons. Sunday School (kindergarten to 6th grade) has moved to 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Check-in: We're looking for three volunteers at each Service (3 for 8:30 a.m. Traditional & 3 for 11:00 a.m. Contemporary). For each Service, two volunteers will be stationed in the Commons Lobby and one will be stationed in the narthex. Teens are welcome! Please see the Sign-Up Genius link below for vacancies and where you can help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D48A5AD23A1FC1-help>. For questions or to sign up, contact Alison Mackey (Ext. 113) or Kelly LePenske (Ext. 101) in the church office at 856.235.1688.

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

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – A joint, virtual study with the Converge Church coming in June, Thursdays from 7:00 to 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. Watch for more details coming soon. For additional information on Gracism, visit the website: www.embracegracism.com and our website event page.