

## Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



**Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Outdoor Courtyard)

### Way of the Week #25

**25. REJOICE ALWAYS.** The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

- *Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again – rejoice! (Philippians 4: 4)*

**Ideas for Action:** Plan a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### ***Prelude in G Minor***

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**Bell Choir:** Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce and Stacy Schaffer  
Joel Krott, Director

### Call to Worship

Elder Gil Warren

My dear friends in faith: God asks you and me these pointed questions: One, why have you come to this house of worship?

**We have come to honor you as our God and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Two, and with what attitude do you come?

**We come with humility, because we know we have fallen short of God's will and we need God more than we realize.**

Three, is that all?

**We also come with anticipation and joy, because our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, has provided pardon, purpose and promise of eternal life.**

Then let us, with one heart and in full voice, worship, adore and obey our great and gracious God.

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## Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gil Warren

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## Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

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## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Stuart Spencer

**We confess, holy and gracious God, that we sometimes don't display the courage of our convictions. We are all too willing to conform to the popular culture. We wish to blend in instead of stand out. We are afraid of being called fanatics. We try to keep up with our friends, neighbors, and relatives, sometimes losing our perspective along the way. Help us, we pray, to keep our eyes upon Jesus, and to daily make a clear witness to our faith. Amen.**

*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of our faith: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

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## Ordination and Installation of Officers

Stuart Spencer

*We welcome these new elders, deacons and trustees into the church leadership team.*

### The Questions to the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept these as elders and deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

- **Elders:** Paul Booker, Leonard Fitts, Kristen Perkowski, Joyce Peacock, Sarah Rotter, Gil Warren, Jim Wiggans, Merritt Wikle
- **Deacons:** Alice Conley, Kourtney de la Cruz, Steve Drzaszcz, Janet D'Angelo, Sarah Harper, Gail Sorin, Susan Winner
- **Trustees:** Bill Conner, Rich Corbin, Paul Lewis

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## Anthem

### ***Aria***

Bell Choir  
Joel Krott, Director

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## Offertory

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*Those attending in person are invited to leave an offering in the box located on the table outside. Electronic giving is here to stay. Sign up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone. Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support our staff and commitments to mission partners.*

## Offertory Music

### **Overcome**

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick

Worship Team (Drums: Barry Overton, Bass: Don Stevens, Piano: Rebecca Neindorff, Keyboard: Christine Bass, Guitar: Martin Bass, Vocals: Lauren Clark and Michelle Davis.

Now the darkness fades into new beginnings, as we lift our eyes to a hope beyond  
All creation waits with an expectation to declare the reign of the Lord our God.  
We will not be moved when the earth gives way, for the Risen One has overcome.  
And for every fear there's an empty grave, for the Risen One has overcome.

Now the silence breaks in the name of Jesus as the heavens cry. Let the earth respond.  
All creation shouts with a voice of triumph to declare the reign of the Lord our God.  
He shall reign forever. Strongholds now surrender. For the Lord our God has overcome.  
Who can be against us? Jesus our defender. He is Lord and he has overcome.

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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### **"Improving Your Serve"**

Scripture Text: [Mark 6: 1-13 \(NLT\)](#)

## Music in Preparation for Service

### **The Lion and the Lamb**

Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson

Worship Team

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise  
For Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah, he's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb; Oh, every knee will bow before him  
Oh oh oh, Oh oh oh oh oh  
So open up the gates; make way before the King of kings  
Our God who calls to save, is here to set the captives free  
For Who can stop the Lord Almighty; Who can stop the Lord Almighty; Who can stop the Lord  
Almighty

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**8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry**

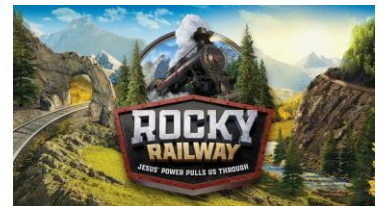
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Bell Choir:</b>	Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Drums: Barry Overton, Bass: Don Stevens, Piano: Rebecca Neindorff, Keys: Christine Bass, Guitar: Martin Bass, Vocals: Lauren Clark, Michelle Davis
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
<b>Ushers:</b>	Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Dave Kahley

**Today's flowers** are given by Sally Freud to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother Bob Whitaker.

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**Vacation Bible School "Rocky Railway": June 28th - July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Spots are still available but VBS registration closes on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (Fall 2021) are invited to climb aboard for mountains of fun on this faith-filled adventure! Cost: \$20 per child. **Registration Deadline: June 9<sup>th</sup> (firm).** See our [online Events page](#) and website.



**Discipleship Study (Sundays 9:45 a.m.)** -- Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Ascitutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class begins TODAY and concludes on August 16th. It will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#) and visit [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).

**CREDO Class** -- Pastor Stuart leads this class of young people exploring membership in the church. Students will have Dinner with Session on June 6th and share their Statements of Faith. New members and their mentors will be welcomed during worship on June 13. Seven young people are participating in the 2021 class.

**Spring Gathering by PW – Monday, June 21 at 7:00 PM** featuring Dr. Jenny Legath: "Grace and God's 'Will': Living and Loving in a Special Needs Family; in-person in the sanctuary or live streamed on Zoom; REGISTER online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.



**June 6: Legacy Giving Sunday** ~ Remember the church with love in your estate planning and memorial gifts

**Spring Choral Concert** -- **Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 PM**, live stream ~ Sanctuary. Primary-Junior Choir, Choristers, Chapel Choir & Adult Choir! View the live stream at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org). See website for details.