

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, July 11, 2021 ~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #6

6. FORGIVE...AGAIN. Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness graciously and generously. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

- Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3:13)

Ideas for Action: Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Joel Krott, Organ

J.S. Bach BWV 730 and 731

*Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my solid rock, my fortress, my rescuer.

My God is my rock— I take refuge in him!— he's my shield, my salvation's strength, my place of safety.

You are the one who saves people who suffer and brings down those with proud eyes.

You are the one who lights my lamp— the Lord my God illumines my darkness. With you I can charge into battle; with my God I can leap over a wall.

God! His way is perfect; the Lord's word is tried and true. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

The Lord lives! Bless God, my rock! Let the God of my salvation be lifted high!

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Smart

Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:
With they wonted loving kindness hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouch-safe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And here after in Thy glory Evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

*Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Call to Confession

Peter Jonescu

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Peter Jonescu

Gracious God, your design for humanity is immensely good. You invite us to love you with our whole hearts. You encourage us to have a child-like trust in you. But our sin has corrupted that design; so we worship false gods, we love ourselves more than you, and we believe that we can earn your favor. We are often running in the wrong direction, pursuing the wrong goals, and seeking the affirmation from the wrong people. Forgive us for our confusion and corruption. Cleanse our hearts from our sinfulness, and reorient our lives to honor you only. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

Will you turn again to Jesus Christ as your Lord? **We will.**
Do you, then, forgive those who have sinned against you? **We forgive them.**
May Almighty God in mercy receive your confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

Please continue your faithful giving in these summer months. Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from your phone via the Church Center app.

Offertory Music

Guardian Angels

Georg Boehm

Gwen Wilkie, Alto
Joel Krott, Organ

The Lord hath sent His angels to lead us day by day
That we might all be peaceful as in His care we stay.
The strength of God's own arm from heaven high He lends us.
His grace alone He sends us and wills for us no harm.

We pass through life together with angel hosts to guide.
We know that God will bless us and keep them by our side.
So we remain with Him wherever life may take us.
For they will not forsake us, these glorious cherubim.

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"A Non-Discipleship Gospel"

Scripture Text: [Mark 12: 1-12 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

*Hymn No. 841

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Newton

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,
and possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

Music in Preparation for Service

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

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Joel Krott, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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| Audio Technician: | Harris E. Ransom |
| Live Video Streaming: | Jonathan Nawrocki |
| Flower Arrangers: | Gretchen Birdsall and Robin Godonis |
| Ushers: | Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, and James Clinton |
| Trustee Greeter: | Paul Lewis |
| Check-In Coordinator: | Amy Coombe |

Today's flowers are given by Betty and Joanne Hankins to the glory of God and in beloved memory of Gerald Hankins, loving husband and father.

Wedding flowers are donated from the July 10, 2021 wedding of Sheila Vera Mercado and Jarrod Clark, son of Carol and John Clark. Stuart Spencer officiated yesterday's ceremony in the sanctuary.

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[PO Box Address](#) -- Effective June 2021, post office regulations stipulate that mail must be addressed to our **PO Box 868**. The street address **101 Bridgeboro Road** may also appear on the address, as this will be required for deliveries, event locations etc. Please list the **PO Box address first**.

Summer Reminder – Please remember to stay current with your pledge during the summer months, either through electronic giving or by mailing your check to the office.

[Revised Protocols for Worship](#): Session has revised guidelines for our worship services and meetings. Facemasks are now optional. Some people may decide to wear a mask for a number of reasons. As disciples, we honor and love one another without judgment. On July 4th, limited congregational singing resumed. Singers at both services no longer need to wear masks. **Check-In** has shifted to a **self-check in only** on your smart phone (**no QR code to swipe**). Volunteers remain available to assist. Please check in on our phone when arriving OR watching the live stream.

[Deacons Toiletry Drive](#) -- Visit our [online event page](#) for information about the Deacons Toiletry Drive to support the Moorestown Ministerium. Continues through September.

[Outdoor Hymnsings](#): Join your church family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises and offer our prayers. On the first Wednesday evening of July, August and September at 7:00 p.m., we'll meet in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. Our Hymnsings include lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests. If you've been vaccinated you need not wear a mask. In the event of rain, it will be held the following Wednesday. How wonderful to gather together! **REMAINING DATES: August 4, Sept. 1.**

[July Book Club](#) -- Join us on **FRIDAY, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.** for the Mission Book Club via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth. See our website/events for information.

[Vacation Bible School "Rocky Railway"](#): See our [event page](#) and front of *Connections* for a listing of our fantastic adult volunteers, teen volunteers, and staff who helped with this important community outreach. It was good to be back! Special kudos to VBS Director Holly Ascitutto, assistant Lauren Clark and their team.