

## Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



**Sunday, July 18, 2021 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> 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 #7

**7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY.** Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

- Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. (Ephesians 4: 3-4)
- Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. (Romans 12: 3-5)

**Ideas for Action:** Seek out someone from a different background, culture or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### ***Prelude on "St. Flavian"***

Joel Krott, Organ

Peeters

## \*Call to Worship

Peter Jonescu

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O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory over sin, death, failure, and despair, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**If God is for us, who can be against us? There is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

So satisfy us with your love this morning, and we will live this day in joy and praise. To God be the glory!  
Let us worship God!

## \*Opening Hymn No. 99

***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

Barnby

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When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Peter Jonescu

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## Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

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## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Stuart Spencer

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**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Stuart Spencer

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Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

Peter Jonescu

*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

### ***In The Garden***

arr. Hayes

Paige Pendleton, Soprano  
Sam Scheibe, Piano

I come to the garden alone, while dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.  
He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.  
I'd stay in the garden with Him, though the night around me is falling,  
but He bids me go; through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

## Sermon

Stuart Spencer

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### ***"Wake Up!"***

Scripture Text: [Mark 13: 24--37 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

## \*Hymn No. 360

### ***Awake, My Soul***

Thomas Ken

Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.  
By influence of the light divine let thy own light in good works shine;  
Reflect all heaven's gracious ways in ardent love and cheerful praise.  
Lord, I my vows to thee renew; disperse my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will, and with thyself my spirit fill.  
Direct, control, suggest this day all I design or do or say,  
That all my powers, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## Music in Preparation for Service

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### **Fanfare**

Joel Krott, Organ

Don Lois Milan

## Benediction and Going Forth

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Stuart Spencer

## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault
<b>Ushers:</b>	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, and Tom Samuel
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-In Coordinator:</b>	Amy Coombe

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

*The congregation joins in sending its best wishes to music intern Sam Scheibe, who will pursue graduate studies in Scotland beginning in the fall. Sam, an accomplished vocalist and musician who graduated this past May from Westminster Choir College, has assisted our music program in multiple capacities, including directing, composing, performing, accompanying and as music intern for the past three years. God's blessings to you, Sam.*

**Color Wars (AKA Paint Wars)** for grades 4-6 (includes those entering 4th grade in the fall plus those entering 7th grade, invited back for one last hurrah!); **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm** outside at church. See our event info for the scoop! Wear a white tee shirt, old sneakers, shorts to get stained & goggles if you have them!

**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.**

**July Book Club** – Rescheduled for **MONDAY, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth. See our website/events for information and join us.

**Summer Offering 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.

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

**Revised Protocols for Worship:** Session has revised guidelines for our worship services and meetings. Facemasks are now optional and limited congregational singing has 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.

**Outdoor Hymnsings:** Join your church family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises on **August 4 and Sept. 1** at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. There will be lots of singing, and a time to share prayer requests. In the event of rain, it will be held the following Wednesday.

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