

## Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



**Sunday, July 18, 2021 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

### Way of the Week

- 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.

*"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

Peter Jonescu

### Song of Praise

Worship Team

*You Are Good*

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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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.

## Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully 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 by the doors. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made from the Church Center app on your smart phone.*

## Praise Song

Worship Team

***Here for You***

## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

***Wake Up!***

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

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

## Closing Song

Worship Team

***Your Grace is Enough***

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Peter Jonescu

## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Visuals:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums
<b>Vocals:</b>	Sarah Bromke and Michelle Davis
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Karen Arsenault and Stacy Schaffer
<b>Usher:</b>	Dave Barr
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin

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

**[Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel:](#)** At FPC Moorestown, we strive to be a congregation of disciples who *make* disciples. The message we preach and the message we hear determines the disciple we'll become and the disciples we'll make. We're closely examining the "discipleship gospel", what Jesus preached and what we must do using the Gospel of Mark. Our sermon series is *Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel*. For information on additional study resources, visit our Events page.

### Seven Essential Elements of the Gospel:

1. God's Kingdom is here.
2. Jesus is the Christ.
3. Jesus died for our sins.
4. Jesus was resurrected.
5. We repent of sin.
6. We believe the Gospel.
7. We follow Jesus.

**Discipleship Study** - **Sundays 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall: Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Asciutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants use the companion Workbook for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The study concludes on Aug. 16. *The study will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom.* Please REGISTER on our online Events page.

**Check-ins:** 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 remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

**Revised Protocols for Worship:** At its meeting on June 22, Session approved the following guidelines for our Worship Services and meetings:

- Masks 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.
- Starting in July, congregational singing is permitted at both Services. Singers won't wear masks.

**Paint Wars!** (Grades 4-6): Wednesday, **July 21** at 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Bring 2 towels (1 for the ride home).

**Outdoor Hymnsings:** Join your Church Family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises and offer our prayers. On the **first Wednesday of August and September** at **7:00 p.m.**, we'll meet in the courtyard (between the Commons Lobby and main parking lot). Bring your chair(s). Our Hymnsing includes lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests. You need not wear a mask. However, we'll respect anyone who chooses to do so. In the event of rain, it will be held the following Wednesday. *How wonderful to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.*

**Deacons' Toiletry Drive:** Visit our [online event page](#) for information about the Toiletries Drive to support the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry, which continues through September.