



Sunday, August 29, 2021 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost; Associate Pastor Candidate
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #13

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Text Hymn 802)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

arr. Held

*Call to Worship

Rev. Wes Allen

God is active in our world and in our lives,
We gather in awe of our God.
Christ calls us into the way of love and justice,

We gather to follow Jesus, our Savior.
The Spirit moves us in compassion and kindness,
We gather as on people of God.
Come, join your hearts in worship,
And ponder the awesomeness of God.

*Opening Hymn No. 71, verses 1-4

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

*Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

Call to Confession

Peter Jonescu

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Peter Jonescu

Awesome God, we come before You confessing our sins. We confess that we have accepted the ways of the world over your way of truth and life. We have accepted the silencing of marginal voices in our society. We have not questioned the oppression of those who are different from us, and when we do question, we have not always sought justice, mercy and humility. We have often ignored the cries of those who are most in need. Almighty One, we know You hear their cries, as we hear Your voice calling us into accountability. You remind us of our responsibility to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to turn to You and away from the ways of this world. Remind us that we live for Your heavenly reign, on earth as it is in heaven, and that what we do now matters far beyond us. Help us to reside in Your kingdom. Guide us into your ways of love, justice and mercy.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

Those who turn from the world and turn back to God are forgiven. Those who strive to do better and to be better, through Christ Jesus, are forgiven. Those who seek to repair and heal in our broken world are forgiven. All of us, when we profess our faith in Christ, know the forgiveness of our God. Live into Christ's forgiveness with accountability and humility. Love one another as Christ has loved you and go forth in sharing the good news of our God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah, Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

**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.**

Children's Sermon

Deacon Jen Allen

Anthem

My Jesus I Love Thee

Arr. Martin Bass

Ben Eley, Sue Eley, Martin Bass, Christine Bass

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine, for Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou, if ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
I love you Jesus, I'll always love You. Now and forever I belong to you.
In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
I love you Jesus, I'll always love You. Now and forever I belong to you.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debt')

Stuart Spencer

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

At The River

Copland

Gwen Wilkie, Alto
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Refrain:
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (refrain)

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"The Paralyzed Church"

Scripture Text: [Mark 2: 1-12 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Scatter ... Gather

Hymn

Lord, Dismiss us With Thy Blessing

Sicilian Folk Melody

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Wes Allen

Congregational meeting to follow

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller
Check-Ins:	Amy Coombe, Jane Murphy, Vicki Terry, Jim Clinton

Today's flowers are given by Philip and Linda Jagiela to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Sue Jagiela.

Congregational Meeting Called – AUG. 29: Special meeting of the congregation to vote on the call of Rev. Wes Allen as our Associate Pastor. Fifth Sunday worship at **9:30 a.m.** when the candidate will preach. The meeting begins at the close of worship. The worship service and the meeting will be live streamed and overflow seating physically distant/masked will be in Fellowship Hall. Unable to attend? Vote via Zoom (members only). In addition to the terms of call, we'll also act on a Session request to amend our By-Laws to allow virtual meetings. Bring your lunch for a **BYO Church Picnic** outside with games and a dunk tank! Join us for this momentous morning!

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84520958471?pwd=UVdPekxjeXMvL2orMVNROGJiYkZwQT09>

- **Meeting ID:** 845 2095 8471
- **Passcode:** 952718
- **Dial by location:** +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

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 to support the Moorestown Ministerium continues through September. "Tickets" for the dunk tank Aug. 29 are a toiletry item so stock up and dunk a pastor!!

The Engagement Project – *Starts Sept. 15:* This 10-week study will meet Wednesday evenings at the church. When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us, as it did Isaiah. But it also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. Registration is OPEN. [Sign up online on our event page.](#)

Ministry Fair Sunday, Sept. 12 – "A Time to Scatter ... Gather": How is God inviting you to take your next step of faith? As we begin our 2021-22 programming year, the Ministry Fair features displays to inform members about ministry areas, and opportunities to "join hands" as we *Worship, Connect, Serve, and Devote*. **Fellowship Hall between services.** How are you called as we begin to gather again?

Happy Birthday, Church! **September 12th marks the 133rd Birthday of our church.** In honor of the church's founding on September 12, 1888, members are encouraged to donate to our future by giving to the September 12 Fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. Bring your donations to the Sept. 12 Ministry Fair (Stewardship table), mail, give online, or place in the offering plate.

Sunday, September 19: Bible Sunday: Contact [Holly Ascianto](#) if you would like your third grader to receive a Bible. KIDS: At 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream Social!

O Bless the Lord, My Soul! 71

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:2

Descant

6. His might-y ways by Mo - ses he made known,

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let not his mer - cies lie
3. For God for-gives our sins and God re - lieves our pain;
4. He crowns our life with love when ran-somed from the grave;

but gave the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

and help my tongue to praise his name whose mer - cies are di - vine.
for - got - ten in un-thank-ful-ness, from lack of praise to die.
the Lord who heals our sick - ness - es re - news our strength a - gain.
he who re-deemed my soul from hell has sov - ereign power to save.