



Sunday, October 3, 2021 ~ World Communion Sunday; Stewardship Emphasis

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 #18

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Chaconne in F Major

Joel Krott, Organ

L. Couperin

Introit

Let All the World

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Erik Routley

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King

The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
The earth in not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.

The Church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.

- George Herbert

*Call to Worship

Wes Allen

I love the Lord because the Lord is my strength.

Yes, the Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my Savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find rest and protection.

God is my shield, the strength of my help, and the source of my hope.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy of all my praise. I cry out to God because he will free me from my fears.

Let us now call out to God. Let us praise God's powerful name. Let us trust God and open our lives before him. Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn No. 697 (verses 1, 2)

In Christ There is No East or West

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, to seek and to save the lost. We admit that we have wandered from you and turned aside from your ways. We are misled by our pride and blinded by our wrongs. For we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to quiet waters and right paths. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west.

The Lord is tender and compassionate to all who seek and love him. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Stewardship Moment

Rich and Melissa Corbin

In this stewardship season, we hear personal stories from member families about what being stewards of God's resources means to them. This stewardship emphasis parallels our sermon series "Now Is The Time" and reminds us that everything comes from God.

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

THANK YOU for your faithful giving. 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! Take advantage of this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app too.

Offertory Music

All the World Shall Sing His Praise

Hagen

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Till for me the bells shall ring, that will call me home,
And I lay me down to rest, never more to roam,
And until my longing eyes, there in eternal joy
Which for me has been prepared, my dear Redeemer shall behold,

Will I his precious sacrifice unceasingly extol,
His great love will magnify, and upon it feed my soul.
Through faith in His redeeming grace my soul shall rise
To meet Him with joyful song, and with praises greet Him;
For He is of such honor worth, that in thousand, thousand ways,
In the heav'ns and on earth all the world shall sing His praise!

Sermon

Dr. Bruce Main

"Time to Unwrap Your Gifts"

Scripture Text: [Exodus 4: 2-5](#) (Pew Bible OT page 51)

Sermon Series: Now Is The Time

Opening Hymn No. 697 (verses 3, 4)

In Christ There is No East or West

Janet Wilkie, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

The Lord's Supper, World Communion Sunday

Rev. Wes Allen

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music in Preparation for Service

Imela (Nigerian Gospel Song)

Nathaniel Bassey

Klah Doteh, Urban Promise Fellow

Benediction and Going Forth

Bruce Main

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Guest Preacher:	Dr. Bruce Main
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Barbara Wetherill
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Check-In Volunteer:	TBD
Interim Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given by Peg Madorno in loving memory of her parents Frederick and Roberta Crane.

Sunday School classes begin. Children's Sunday School (K-6th grades) meets Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m., where children learn about the Word of God. Children and teachers will be asked to wear face masks.

Nursery: Room 12 (Amy Coombe); **Grades K-1:** Room 13 (Jenny Legath/Karen Alecxih); **Grades 2-3:** Room 10 (Tamara Trzeciak/Lori Bell); **Grades 4-5-6:** Room 3-4 (Leslie Spencer/Philip Jagiela)

Register online for Kids Groups and Youth Groups: Fellowship groups begin this week! SIGN UP on our current events page/website for 2021-2022 fellowship groups K-12th grade:

- Kingdom Kids (grades K-3rd) meet Wednesdays from 4:45-5:45 p.m. (starts October 6)
- Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (starts October 6)
- Middle School (grades 7-8) meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (starts October 6)
- High School (grades 9-12) meets Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (starts October 3)

West Jersey Chamber Symphony Orchestra Concert Sunday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m., "The Trumpet Shall Sound!" presented in memory of Dr. Stanley Lane. Darren Kelly, Trumpet; Frank Mitchell, Bass. Free admission.

"Now Is The Time" ... Sunday, October 17 is Consecration Sunday; COMBINED 9:30 a.m. worship; Dedicate your personal 2022 *Estimate of Giving* cards prayerfully during worship. If you're unable to attend, mail your estimate to the office, place in the offering ahead of time, [complete online](#) or drop off after worship in a Drive-Through Dedication and be blessed by our pastors (11:30 am-Noon). After worship gather at an outdoor coffee hour in the courtyard and enjoy L&M donuts. ☺

Sunday, October 24: Church Has Left the Building. Watch for details on projects for all ages and abilities. There's no worship that day so all can participate. You're Sent, Now Go ...

Show your appreciation to our Pastors and program staff for Pastor Appreciation Sunday **October 10th**; bring a note or card with you to worship or write one at church that day. Kids: draw a picture too! They'd LOVE that.

Beginning Oct. 17: Online study "Kingdom of God" led by Dick & Lissa Herman. This 10-session study will help us better understand a theme which is close to the heart of Jesus. Class meets Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm from Oct. 17-Feb. 6, 2022. Purchase the study guide *The Kingdom of God* by Gregory Jao from Inter-Varsity Press, Amazon or Christianbook.com.

5th Sunday for October: Sunday, October 31 will be one COMBINED worship service at 9:30 a.m.