



## Sunday, October 10, 2021 ~ Stewardship Emphasis

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

\*please stand as you are able

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### Welcome and Work of God's People

Wes Allen

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### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### *Prelude No. 1 in C Major*

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

F. Couperin

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### \*Call to Worship

Paul Savage

Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

**We have been blessed by God!**

We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

**We are being blessed by God!**

We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

**We will continue to be blessed by God!**

Dear ones, God has given us so much and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us.

We are called to give back.

**We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.**

Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us into.

**Let us give thanks to God! Let us proclaim our faith in God! Let us worship God!**

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### Hymn No. 130 (verses 1, 5)

#### *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Grace Rykaczewski, soloist; Layla Joshi, Organ

## Prayer of Adoration

Paul Savage

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## Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

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## Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

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**Holy God, you see us as we are, but also our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are both unworthy and ungrateful of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your thankful children, or loved as Jesus loved us. Apart from you, we are lost. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive, heal, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.**

*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ we are indeed forgiven. Amen.**

## Way of the Week #19

Paul Savage

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**19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES.** God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

**Ideas for Action:** Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

## Anthem

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### **God of Beauty**

Lovelace

Choristers; Carol Manion Piano; Karen Hallowell, Flute

God, Who touchest earth with beauty, make my life anew:  
With Thy Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.  
Like Thy springs and running waters make me crystal pure  
Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur make me strong and pure.  
Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight make me glad and free.  
Like the straightness of the pine trees, Let me upright be.  
God, Who touchest earth with beauty, make my life anew:  
Keep me ever by Thy Spirit pure and strong and true.

## Stewardship Moment

Kourtney de la Cruz

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*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.*

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Wes Allen

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## Offertory

Wes Allen

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*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 (paraphrase of Psalm 122)

### ***I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say***

Hebrew Melody, Proulix

Chapel Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano; Karen Hallowell, Flute

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*Refrain:* I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Strongly built is Jerusalem, there the tribes of the Lord go up,  
Seeking their justice and bringing thanks, O Jerusalem.

*Refrain:*

Pray for peace in Jerusalem, may they prosper who love you well;  
Eternal peace be within you walls, O Jerusalem.

*Refrain:*

For the love of my family and friends and the sake of the house of the Lord  
I ever pray for your health and peace, O Jerusalem.

*Refrain:*

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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### ***"Time's Up"***

Scripture Text: [Luke 12: 13-21](#) (Pew Bible NT page 74)

Sermon Series: Now Is The Time

## Hymn No. 115 (verse 4)

### ***Beautiful Savior!***

Grace Rykaczewski, soloist; Layla Joshi, Organ

## Music in Preparation for Service

### ***Prelude No. 3 in G Minor***

F. Couperin

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Paul Lewis
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	To be determined
<b>Interim Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by the Stephen Ministers in honor of Sheila Schneider for her many years of ministry.

[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.

[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.

**Sunday School:** Children's Sunday School (K-6th grades) meets from 9:45-10:45 a.m. 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 have started. ☺ SIGN UP on our current events page/website for 2021-2022 fellowship groups K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**"Now Is The Time" ...** Sunday, October 17 is Consecration Sunday; COMBINED **9:30 a.m.** worship; Dedicate your 2022 *Estimate of Giving* cards prayerfully during worship. If you're unable to attend, you may 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 (11:30 am-Noon). After worship gather at an outdoor coffee hour in the courtyard and enjoy L&M donuts! ☺ No nursery care, adult education or Sunday School that morning.

**Church Has Left the Building:** On Sunday, Oct. 24, we are leaving the building. Literally. Our church-wide mission project will again be safely done off-site. We have added more projects - there are many to choose from! [SIGN UP](#) on our current events page or website. This year we're planning a 30-minute, outdoor service beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the courtyard between the Sanctuary and Miller Commons. Rev. Chuck Swanson of Options for Women preaches. Please bring your own chair. Masks are optional. There is no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School that morning.

**Beginning Oct. 17: Online study "Kingdom of God"** led by Dick & Lissa Herman. This 10-session study 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.

**COVID-19 safety protocols through October:** Masks are to be worn for indoor gatherings (vaccinated and unvaccinated). We'll continue to serve communion in pre-packaged units, and food may be eaten outside.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for October:** Sunday, October 31 will be one COMBINED worship service at 9:30 a.m. There will be no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School that day.