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Sunday, March 13, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in for worship?

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Work of God's People	Stuart Spencer
The Ten Commandments	Stuart Spencer
Music in Preparation for Worship	
Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know	Smith
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ	
*Call to Worship	Stuart Spencer

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then until now,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, and to raise the dead,

Come near us, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

Come by here, Lord Jesus.

Today to this place, to us,

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Let us worship God

*Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Hymn No. 224 (verses 1, 3)

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Michael Martin, Tenor; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession Wes Allen

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Merbecke

Michael Martin, Tenor; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

"If anyone is in Christ, there is new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" All this is from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and Who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

We receive and trust the Good News of our faith: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and all things are made new. Amen.

Children's Sermon Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Wind on the Hill

Ebel-Sebo

Choristers; Kathy Gunsallus, Director; Nancy Bender, Piano

No one can tell me; nobody knows where the wind comes from, where the wind blows. It's flying from somewhere fast as it can. I couldn't keep up with it, not if I ran. No one can tell me; nobody knows where the wind comes from, where the wind blows.

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

Paul Savage

Offertory Stuart Spencer

THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church as we journey through Lent. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. 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 from your phone via the Church Center app too.

Way of the Week #16

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Offertory Music

Lenten Medley

Krug

Bell Choir; Marion Norcross, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer

This morning's anthem is a medley of three Lenten hymns: #225 Go to Dark Gethsemane, #208 Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed, and #218 Were You There?

Sermon Stuart Spencer

"Letting Go to Gain All"

Scripture Text: <u>Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)</u> (page 82 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: On the Way, Praying

Hymn No. 224 (verse 4)

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Michael Martin, Tenor; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Music in Preparation for Worship

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Larson

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician: Harris E. Ransom Live Video Streaming: Harris A. Ransom

Flower Arrangers: Carol Manion and Barb Wetherill

Ushers: John Miller, Leonard Fitts, Joe Scheideler

Trustee Greeter: Wendy Dougherty

Check-in Volunteer: Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz

Interim Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in prayer and global support of the people of Ukraine.

Work of God's People

- Session has approved lifting the mask mandate for minors, effective Sunday, March 3. The new masking guidelines are: Masks are optional for vaccinated persons and recommended for unvaccinated individuals. At this time, masks are required for singers.
- Pick up a hard copy of a <u>Lent Programming Guide</u> for this meaningful Lenten and Easter season detailing special activities and Holy Week worship. Download your copy from the website or e-blast, too.
- Pick up a copy of "Grace Unbounded," our Lent devotional, (at Grand Central Table) for \$3.00 or
 in the church office. "Grace Unbounded" provides daily devotions from Ash Wednesday to Easter
 from the Gospel of Luke.
- Praying the Jesus Prayer with Stuart Spencer via Zoom on Thursdays in Lent from 6:30-7:00 p.m. (March 3-April 7). This prayer is the centerpiece of our Lenten Study, "The Way of a Pilgrim". Register through our Events Page on our website. There's no cost and friends outside the church are most welcome.
- Adult Spiritual Formation Lorenzo Eagles leads a series on the sermon passage at 9:45 am (Fellowship Hall, Zoom hybrid). Paul Savage leads a Lenten Study Group on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. (Room 8, Zoom hybrid). Find the Zoom links on our Adult Spiritual Formation Events page.
- We are looking for additional ushers for the 11:00 am Contemporary service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.
- Order forms for Easter flowers will be available March 20, March 27 and April 3. Flowers are \$15.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering: Palm Sunday, April 10 to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Would you like to help contact those in our congregation to just touch base? Please contact Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org or 856-235-1688, Ext. 133 if you can help make some calls.
- Holy Week Worship: Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Miller Commons, led by Rev. Wes Allen, as we remember The Last Supper. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, led by Paul Savage; a moving service moving from light into the darkness of the crucifixion. Visit the Lent page on our website.