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Sunday, April 3, 2022 ~ Fifth 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

Way of the Week #19

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.

The Ten Commandments

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prayer

Sherman

Bell Choir; Joel Krott, Director

Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Kathy Gunsallus, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Wes Allen

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing!

Know this: the Lord is our God and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. So come, my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, and let us worship and adore our God—now and forever!

Hymn No. 213

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Congregation singing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

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 confession as the Kyrie is sung.

Kyrie No. 821

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Michael Martin, Tenor; Joel Krott, Organ

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

Assurance of Pardon

Paul Savage

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let the people of receive this certain good news and in agreement say together:

Amen! May it be so! Praise the Lord, our Savior!

Anthem

O Lord, How Can We Know Thee?

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Ron Nelson

O Lord, how can we know Thee?
Where can we find Thee?
Thou are as close to us as breathing,
and yet are farther thank the farthermost star.
O Lord, how can we know Thee?
Where can we find Thee?
Thou are as mysterious as the vast solitudes of the night
And yet art as familiar to us as the light of the sun.

O Lord, how can we know Thee?
Where can we find Thee?
When justice burns like a flaming fire, when love evokes willing sacrifice,
Do we not bow down to Thee?
Thou livest within our hearts as Thou dost pervade the world,
And we through Thy presence behold.

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

Wes Allen

Offertory

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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.

Offertory Music

The Crucifixion

Barber

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!

Never shall lament cease because of that.

It was like the parting of day from night.

Ah, sore was the suff'ring borne by the body of Mary's Son,

Bur sorer still to Him the grief which for His sake Came upon His Mother.

Sermon Stuart Spencer

"Yours Not Mine"

Scripture Text: Luke 22: 39-46 (page 87 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: On the Way, Praying

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Spencer

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

Hymn No. 216

Prayer is the Soul's Supreme Desire (Tune 112)

Congregation singing

Music in Preparation for Service

Were You There (Hymn 218)

Spiritual/Prins

Benediction and Going Forth

Bell Choir; Joel Krott, Director

Stuart Spencer

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:Harris E. RansomLive Video Streaming:Harris Ransom

Flower Arrangers: Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu

Ushers: Paul Lewis, Joe Scheideler, Leonard Fitts

Trustee Greeter: Bill Conner

Check-In Volunteer: Deacon Susan Shaffer

Interim Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given from Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams in loving memory of Robert R. Rorke.

Work of God's People (see *Connections* and website for details)

- <u>Revised Protocols</u> -- At its March 22 meeting, Session voted to permit congregational and choral singing
 in worship effective March 27-April 26. <u>Read a congregational letter</u> from Rev. Allen on our eblast and
 website with these updated protocols.
- <u>Couples Night Out Save the Date --</u> May 20 6-10 p.m. at the historic Union League of Philadelphia. Cost per couple is \$325, includes a four-course meal and guest speaker. Join us for a much needed night out, connect with other couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. <u>REGISTER on our event page</u>.
- TODAY: Order forms for Easter flowers are due April 3. Forms in Connections and online. Flowers are \$15.
- NEW: The Children's Ministry program is looking for an energetic, Christ centered, kid loving, creative <u>part</u> <u>time aide</u> to assist with Wednesday night programs, Vacation Bible School, and other events with our vibrant children's program. See Connections for information.
- <u>Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt!</u> Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. outside so please dress accordingly. No Charge; canned food donation for the food pantry welcomed. Don't forget your basket!
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering: Palm Sunday April 10 to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Fish boxes given out in Sunday School; drop down is available on electronic giving. <u>There is NO children's Sunday School on Palm Sunday</u>. There WILL be Adult Spiritual Formation that day.
- In Memory of C. Harry Knowles A Palm Sunday Concert (April 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary) -- West Jersey Chamber Music Society and our Adult Choir perform Gabriel Fauré's Requiem and John Rutter's setting of the same mass. FREE. Masks must be worn. The tribute concert will also be available via live stream at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream.
- 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. A Good Friday Community Service will be held outside in the Sanctuary Courtyard at 12 noon April 15. That evening we will offer our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 p.m., led by Paul Savage; a moving service moving from light into darkness. Visit the Lent page on our website.

FPC Moorestown presents a screening of "The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis" on Saturday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Commons. An elder C.S. Lewis looks back on his remarkable journey from hard-boiled atheist to the most renowned Christian writer of the past century. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for children 12 and under. A small convenience fee will be added to each order. Visit our website/events page to order online and watch a video clip. This event is OPEN to the community please invite a friend! Kindly arrive 15-30 minutes ahead of time to check in. Stay after the movie for a film discussion. For information contact Jean Kunkel, Gayle Payne or the church office.