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Sunday, April 10, 2022 ~ Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

"For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose again for this very purpose – to be Lord both of the living and of the dead." (Romans 14:7–9)

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a Small Group, a class, or a committee. We need you!

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

King Jesus comes: King Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior and Lord.

Hail, King Jesus, Lord of all!

Recall the Words of Scripture: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

In praise, we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as You entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith to the way everlasting.

Let us worship God!

Song of Praise Worship Team

Hosanna (Praise is Raising) Hosanna (Be Lifted Higher)

Call to Confession Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We pray together...

All: O God, You know us well. We are quick to speak of faith but slow to live it fully. We shout "Hosanna" as Jesus approaches as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want Him to come too close -- not close enough to really see...

Silent Confession

Leader: And we pray together...

All: O God, You know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but like the throng who greeted His entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail...

Silent Confession

Leader: And we pray together...

All: O God, You know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but like the Twelve who spent the last week with Him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is God. The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, receive the love that never dies and never fails. Amen.

Sharing with Our Children

Paul Savage

Offertory Rev. Allen

THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church as we begin a new year in ministry. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry and allow us to support church operations and our work around the world. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u>. Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too.

Song of Praise Worship Team

Hosanna

Sermon Rev. Spencer

Prayer Really Matters—I'm Serious

Scripture Text: <u>Luke 19:35-46 (NLT)</u> Sermon Series: On the Way, Praying

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Spencer

Closing Song

Worship Team

Jesus Messiah

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio: Taylor Adair Visuals: Alice Conley

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-

Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Debbie Heller and Fran Green
Ushers: Debbie Heller and Fran Green
Greg Connlain and Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Adrienne Barr Check-in: Karen Hynoski

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Betsy, by Steve Smith.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

At this morning's 8:30 Service, five new **Stephen Ministers** were commissioned: Lori Bell, Nancy Bender, Melissa Corbin, Liz Drzaszcz, and Susan Kenuk.

<u>In Memoriam: Requiems—Fauré & Rutter</u> - *In loving memory of C. Harry Knowles*: TONIGHT at 7:30, West Jersey Chamber Music Society and our Adult Choir join to perform Gabriel Fauré's Requiem as well as John Rutter's setting of the same mass in celebration of the life of Harry Knowles. There is no cost to attend, and no free-will offering will be taken. (Masks must be worn at this event.)

<u>Holy Week Worship</u>: Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Miller Commons, led by Rev. Wes Allen, as we remember The Last Supper before Jesus' arrest. We will offer our **Good Friday** Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, led by Paul Savage, moving from light into the darkness of the crucifixion.

The Moorestown Ministerium welcomes all to join in <u>A Gathering at the Cross</u> at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 15. This one-hour service of prayer, Scripture, and reflection is co-led by clergy from Moorestown churches. This service will be held outdoors (weather permitting) at First Presbyterian Church. In case of inclement weather, we will worship in the Sanctuary.

Stay up to date with FPC Moorestown's sermon series by subscribing to our weekly **sermon podcast** now available on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and Anchor. Full Services continue to be available with video on YouTube and Facebook or by visiting www.fpcmoorestown.org.

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

FPC Moorestown will host 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. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for children 12 & under. This event is OPEN to the community - please invite a friend! Order tickets online here.

<u>Couples Night Out</u>: May 20 - 6:00-10:00 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. *Speaker information coming soon!*