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Sunday, April 17, 2022 ~ Easter Sunday

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

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #21

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Brass Ensemble; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Praetorius/Johnson

Introit

Now God be Praised in Heaven Above

Vulpius

Adult Choir; Brass Ensemble; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Now God be praised in heaven above, praised be he for His great love, Wherein all creatures live and move, hallelujah!

Praise Him yet more for conqu'ring faith, which feareth neither pain nor death, But, trusting God, rejoicing saith, hallelujah!

His grace defends us from all ill; His Christ shall be our leader still,

Till heaven and earth shall do His will; hallelujah!

*Easter Greeting Stuart Spencer

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as His own.

God has brought us out of darkness. God has made us light to the world.

Jesus Christ is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 234 (congregation)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when you raised Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and have hurt others, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, offers forgiveness to all today. When our sorrow is real, Jesus pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thank you, God! We believe you, we thank you, and we love you. Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Gloria Patri Palestrina

Adult Choir; Brass Ensemble; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Gloria patri et fililo Glory to the father and Son

Et spiritui sancto and the Holy Spirit

Amen. Amen.

Children's Message

Wes Allen

Paul Savage

Offertory Paul Savage

He Is Risen! THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church this Easter. Special envelopes are in the pews for your Easter offering. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Those attending in person may place their gift as the offering plates are passed or leave it in the offering 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.

Offertory Music

Christ, Our Passover

MacFarlane

Adult Choir; Brass Ensemble; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leav'n neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no dominion over Him. For in that He died, he died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God; likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen, is risen from the dead: and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Response No. 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

Paul Savage

Sermon Stuart Spencer

"Entering the Conversation"

Scripture Text: Luke 24: 13-32 (page 90 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: On the Way, Praying

Hymn No. 92 (congregation)

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Music in Preparation for Service

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Nehlybel

Brass Ensemble; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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

Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Fran Green

Ushers: Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton

Trustee Greeter: Bill Conner and Adrienne Barr

Check-In Volunteer: Deacon Mike McNeil

Nursery Caregivers: Amy Coombe and Angie Slane

Brass Ensemble: Jonathan Shaw, trumpet I; Francis Carpino, Trumpet II;

Matthew Gould, Tenor Trombone; Russel Mehrtens, Bass

Trombone; Anthony DiBartolo, percussion

Today's Easter flowers are given on this joyous day to the glory of God and in honor and loving memory of those held dear in our hearts. See insert in *Connections*.

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

- Revised Protocols -- At its March meeting, Session voted to permit congregational and choral singing in worship effective March 27-April 26. Read a congregational letter from Rev. Allen on our website.
- NEW! The Sanctuary Hearing Assist system now has new receivers which are speech and music capable, using our streaming sound, with zero delay. The system may be used with headphones, neck loops, and the new low profile surround earphone. The system is available during Sanctuary streaming times which include worship, music events, funerals, and weddings. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

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 the movie trailer. This event is OPEN to the community -- please invite a friend! Kindly arrive ahead of time to check in. BONUS: Stay after the movie for a film discussion. For information contact Jean Kunkel, Gayle Payne or the church office.

- Paul Savage's last Sunday with us will be Sunday, May 1. We are grateful for Paul's ministry with us this year and wish him well as he graduates from Princeton Theological Seminary in May! Luke Maxted's last meeting with the middle school youth group will be April 27. Luke and his family return to the UK where they will be starting up UrbanPromise UK.
- VBS registration is OPEN! See back of Connections and our website for information and sign up online.
- ALPHA series begins April 20-June 22. See Connections and our event page to register.
- Do you know a 2022 Graduate? Please send their information to the church office (see Friday eblast and Connections for short online form).
- Session has called a <u>Congregational Meeting</u> for Sunday, May 1 following the 8:30 a.m. traditional service to elect elders, deacons and trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2022.