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Sunday, April 24, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship? *please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #22

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Welcome and Work of God's People	Rev. Wes Allen
Music in Preparation for Worship	
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	Charles C. Converse
Carol Manion, Piano	
*Call to Worship	Wes Allen

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth.

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This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sing out with joy to the Lord – everyone, everywhere.

Come into God's presence with joy and singing.

Come, my dear friends in Christ, and let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

Hymn No. 239 (congregation)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Paul Savage

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.

We know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

Children's Sermon

Luke Maxted

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

He Is Risen! THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church this Easter Season. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u>. Donate from your phone via the Church Center app. Special envelopes are in the pews for your Easter offering.

Offertory Music

God Is My Shepherd

Frank Mitchell; Karen Molloy, Piano

Dvořák

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.

My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where guiet waters flow.

My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace,

To glorify His name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not

Fear, for Thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me and they shall comfort me.

*Response No. 809

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Stuart Spencer

Sermon Luke Maxted

"Walking With Jesus"

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

Hymn No. 254 (congregation)

Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Music in Preparation for Service

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

Lasky

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Luke Maxted

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:Harris E. RansomLive Video Streaming:Steve Drzaszcz

Flower Arrangers: Carol Morgan and Karen Arsenault Ushers: Mike Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel

Trustee Greeter: Paul Lewis

Check-In Volunteer: Deacon Caroline Joyce

Interim Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Worship Flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sisters Elizabeth Soropian and Maline Broburg.

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

- Luke Maxted and his wife Kelly are fellows at UrbanPromise International and are returning home next week with their young sons Reuben and Judah, to launch the UK's first UrbanPromise ministry. Luke has been instrumental in leading our middle school youth group with a team of volunteers, and has also assisted with the senior high group. Luke received his degree in Theology from the London School of Theology and a research Masters on God as Father in Matthew's Gospel. Previously he was a pastor in Baptist and Anglican churches in London, where he specialized in ministry with children and families.
- Couples Night Out -- 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 couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. Sign up online on our events page.
- 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. We are grateful for these men of God.
- Revised Protocols -- At its March meeting, Session voted to permit congregational and choral singing in worship effective March 27-April 26. Session will review the protocols at its April 26 meeting.
- VBS registration is OPEN! Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to "Make Waves" at VBS June 27- July 1 (9:00 am-Noon). Sign up online. See Connections for details.
- 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.
- **2022 Graduates** please fill out a <u>brief online form</u> with your school information. We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 15 for Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- ALPHA began April 20 -- Invite friends from the community to this 10-week video discussion series. All are
 welcome, both believers, searchers, and those seeking to know what Christianity is and what it believes.
 No book is required. Sign up online. Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 3-4.
- Last day of children's Sunday School will be May 22. We will recognize our adult and children's teachers with Teacher Appreciation.
- Worship at 9:30 a.m. for our 5th Sunday blended worship May 29.
- New Series: Beginning May 1, Pastors Spencer and Allen preach a six-week sermon series on the book of Ephesians called, "The Masters Plan." In Ephesians, we discover the arch of God's plan for the redemption, restoration and reconciliation of humankind.
- NEW: 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.