



Sunday, May 1, 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter, The Lord's Supper

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Way of the Week #23

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring Him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12:29-31)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

We All Believe in One True God

Joel Krott, Organ

Dupre Op. 28 No. 77

Introit

When In Our Music God is Glorified

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Stanford

*When, in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried, "Alleluia!"
Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: "Alleluia!"*

*Call to Worship

Paul Savage

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise 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 the darkness and made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen. Let us worship Him now and forever.

*Prayer of Adoration

Paul Savage

Hymn No. 130 (Congregation)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,
that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,
paths that lead to dread and death.

Forgive us when we forget that You offer us life,
life that is abundant and eternal,
life that began at the creation of all things.

Forgive us, turn us to the right path,
and let Your love and grace flow over us and the world.

We pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's certain Word of grace found in Jesus Christ:

We are accepted; we are forgiven; and we are loved. These are the gifts God grants to us today. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Paul Savage

Anthem

We Are Ready, God, to Sing

Robert Schaefer

Adult Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Offertory

Paul Savage

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Offertory Music

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Schwoebel

Junior Choir; Choristers; Chapel Choir and Adult Choir

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano; Karen Hallowell, Flute; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear when this sweet song they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

"A Long Time Ago..."

Scripture Text: [Ephesians 1:3-14](#) (page 192 Pew Bible NT)

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 834 (Congregation)

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Music in Preparation for Service

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Powell

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:

Harris E. Ransom

Live Video Streaming:

Harris A. Ransom

Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer, Karin Miller and Carol Benner
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman and Leonard Fitts
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Ramage
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Janet D'Angelo
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Worship Flowers are given from Elizabeth Litten in loving memory of her mother Mary Jo McKee Groppe.

Work of God's People *(See Connections, e-blast and website for details)*

- **Paul Savage's** last Sunday with us is today, 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 was April 27. We are grateful for these men of God.
- This morning in our 11:00 Service, we will welcome the following from this year's CREDO Class as **new members** of our church: Jack Cranmer (Mentor-Lynne Demmerly) Jonathan Nawrocki (Mentor-Save Draszcz), and Karli Omlor (Mentor-Kim Hock).
- Pick up your copy of "**Malawi: Beat the Rain**", a game for children of all ages (and adults, too) and the Malawi Devotional in in Narthex and Miller Commons today. Please celebrate Mission May Malawi by praying for our missionaries using the Devotional.
- **National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 5:** This year's theme is "Exalt the Lord Who has Established Us" based on Colossians 2:6-7. Our Prayer Team invites you to participate:
12-Hour Prayer Vigil: *Please sign up on our FPC website. We hope to fill each 30-minute time slot with at least two names. You may also call or text Pam Engle (609-332-7513) to participate.*
Fasting: *We invite you to join with others, including Pastor Spencer, to fast on this day as you are led.*
Gather for Prayer: *Meet on the Van Camp Porch for a time of prayer at 8:30 a.m. - Light breakfast.*
For additional information, including sign-up for the Prayer Vigil, see the Events Page on our website: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1282406>.
- **New Series:** Beginning May 1, Pastors Spencer and Allen preach a six-week sermon series on the book of Ephesians called, "The Master's Plan." In Ephesians, we discover the arch of God's plan for the redemption, restoration, and reconciliation of humankind.
- **ALPHA** -- Invite friends from the community to this 10-week video discussion series. All are welcome, both believers 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.
- **2022 Graduates** – Please fill out a [brief online form](#) with your school information. We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 15 for Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- **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](#).
- **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.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.