



## Sunday, May 15, 2022 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> 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 #25

**25. REJOICE ALWAYS.** The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

**Ideas for Action:** Plan a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

***Pavana***

William Byrde

***Minute in c minor***

Jeremiah Clarke

### Introit

***O Brother Man***

Scott-Gatty

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,  
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there.  
To worship rightly is to love each other.  
Each smile a hymn; each kindly deed a prayer.*

## \*Call to Worship *(Adapted from Psalm 100)*

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Rev. Spencer

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song of joy.

**Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, Who made us; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

**For the Lord is good, and His mercy is everlasting. God's faithfulness endures from age to age without fail.**  
Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

## \*Prayer of Adoration

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### Hymn No. 799 (v. 1)

Michael Martin, Soloist

***God Himself is With Us***

\*\*\**Seating interlude*

## Call to Confession

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Rev. Wes Allen

## Prayer of Confession

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Holy God, hear our prayer. There is pain and there is sorrow; there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are the cause of those things. We have caused pain. We have broken the relationship. Sometimes we are simply a part of them – we are the ones who suffer; we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for Your forgiveness, and we ask for your healing. Beyond that, we ask that You would help us turn from our former selves to the persons You have created us to be, full of mercy and grace and love. Through Christ, Who is our example, we pray. Amen.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the Good News: At some time, each one of us has been lost in many different ways. But now we are indeed found, and not simply found, but rejoiced over and cherished and beloved. Your sins are forgiven; you have come home. So let us, with grateful hearts, say together as God's people:

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

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Rev. Spencer

## Anthem

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***Christ Be With Me***

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Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Christ be with me; Christ within me; Christ behind me; Christ before me;  
Christ to win me; Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me; Christ above me; Christ in quiet; Christ in danger.  
Christ in hearts of all that love me; Christ in face of friend and stranger.*

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## Graduate Recognition

Rev. Allen

*Congratulations to our 2022 graduates who will be graduating from high school or college and achieved success with both online and in-person learning environments despite the COVID-19 pandemic! **Please see the insert**, and wish these young people well.*

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

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory

*THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church. 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 automatic withdrawal. Donate from your phone via the Church Center app.*

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## Offertory Music

### **Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

Wood

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Laud and honor to the Father; laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

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## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

### **"Practicing Resurrection"**

Scripture Text: [Ephesians 2:1-10](#) (pg. NT 192-Pew Bible)

Sermon Series: *The Master's Plan*

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## Hymn No. 20 (v. 1)

Michael Martin, Soloist

### **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

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## Music in Preparation for Service

### **Marche**

Jeramiah Clarke

Joel Krott, Organ

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry, Fran Green and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Susan Winner
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

**Worship Flowers** are given by Rumi Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Jack.

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

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- **Coffee Hour and Bagel Volunteers Needed** – We are bringing back bagels for coffee hour. Volunteers are needed to pick up the bagels from Manhattan Bagel in Maple Shade at 8:00-8:30 a.m. Sunday morning and deliver to the church. Would you be willing to do this once every 6-8 weeks? Bagels will be charged to FPC's account, so you won't need to pay for them. Please contact [Lissa Herman](#) (856-745-7357) or [Sue Piper](#) (856-722-0581) to volunteer. Helpers are also needed to assist Chelsea Margerum staff the coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Contact Lissa or Sue.
- **Yes, there's still room: Couples' Night Out** -- May 20 - 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the historic Union League of Philadelphia. Cost per couple is \$325 (includes 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](#).
- **Teacher Appreciation** -- Last day of children's Sunday School will be Sunday, May 22. We will recognize our adult and children's teachers as we close out the education year. The Deacons will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, games, and mingling. Meet in the Sanctuary Courtyard (*weather permitting*) **9:45-10:45 am**. EVERYONE is welcome.
- **Tree Dedications** -- On **Sunday, May 22**, immediately after the 11:00 am Service, we will have a brief service of dedication for the rosebud trees out by the Labyrinth, in memory of Kim Murphy and in honor of Jan Amos' 15-year leadership of the Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to attend, especially friends of Kim, Jan, and of the Stephen Ministry.
- **Youth Choir Concert: May 22, 7:00 p.m.** – Come out to support our Youth Choir who have worked so diligently this year under challenging restrictions. You will hear several selections of sacred and spiritual music.
- **VBS registration is OPEN!** Children entering kindergarten through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to "Make Waves" at VBS **June 27- July 1** (9:00 am-Noon). [Sign up online](#). See *Connections* for details. Adults and teens (7<sup>th</sup> grade & older): *We're looking for **volunteers** for this fun week.* Sign up online.

SCAN ME



### [Strawberry Festival Returns Friday, June 3](#)

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival is back! It's an evening packed with friends from our community and LOTS of FUN and FREE. The evening will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries and ice cream. Come out and enjoy The Moorestown Community Band, The Trophy Husbands Band, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY) and more. There are MANY opportunities to volunteer - sign-ups are in Commons Lobby or please use the Signup Genius. **LOTS of volunteers are needed!** [See our website page and current Events page.](#)