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## Sunday, May 22, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

#### Way of the Week

1. BE THIRD. God is first; others are second; and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests; be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last...in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

#### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

**Songs of Praise** 

Worship Team

Glorious Day
Death was Arrested

**Call to Confession** 

Rev. Stuart Spencer

## **Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

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 the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world, but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through Him.

Thank you, gracious God! We will love You and trust this certain good news. Alleluia! Amen.

### Greeting

## **Sharing with Our Children**

Rev. Allen

# Offertory & Teachers' Recognition

Rev. Allen

THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church this year. 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</u> <u>withdrawal</u>. Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too.

Song of Praise Worship Team

### Here in Your Presence

Sermon Rev. Spencer

### Being Included

Scripture Text: <u>Ephesians 2:11-22 (NLT)</u> Sermon Series: The Master's Plan

# **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

Closing Song Worship Team

Above All

Way of the Week #1 – Be Third Leslie Spencer

Benediction and Going Forth Rev. Spencer

#### 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio: Taylor Adair
Livestream: Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals: Alice Conley

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-

Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Debbie Heller Ushers: Greg Connlain and Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Frank Manion
Check-in: Deacon (TBD)
Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear husband, Kim, by Jane Murphy.

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.

<u>ALPHA</u> (*meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 3-4*): 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. <u>Sign up online.</u>

TODAY we will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, games, and a time to honor and thank the Teachers from this year. We will meet in the Sanctuary Courtyard (*weather permitting*) during the **Sunday School** hour (9:45-10:45). EVERYONE is welcome to join the fun!

**Honoring Kim Murphy & Jan Amos:** At 12:00, 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.

<u>Youth Choir Concert</u>: May 22, 7:00 p.m. – Come out to support our Youth Choir who have worked so diligently this year under challenging restrictions. Three Choirs (*Junior, Choristers & Chapel*) will perform a full-length program of sacred and spiritual music.

The Annual <u>Strawberry Festival</u> is back on **Friday, June 3**! The evening will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries and ice cream. Come and enjoy The Moorestown Community Band, The Trophy Wives Band, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY), and more. There are many opportunities to volunteer- sign-ups are in the Commons Lobby or use Signupgenius: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry</a>2

<u>Cakes</u>: We need over 300 cakes to serve the community. Any flavor and size cake (cupcakes, too) are welcome. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many cakes we will have the day of. Sign-ups are in Commons Lobby and the big kitchen. **PRE-CUT YOUR CAKE PRIOR TO DROP-OFF**, if appropriate.

<u>Strawberry Hullers</u>: Thursday, June 2 at 3 pm until they are all cut! Come for an hour or stay for a few. Bring your favorite small knife, a cutting tray and a colander. Pizza/salad and soda/water will be served at 5 pm. All ages welcome. There are sign-up sheets around the church, and signupgenius is also available: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry3">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry3</a>.

<u>VBS Registration is OPEN</u>! 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)**. <u>Sign up online</u>. See *Connections* for more details.

