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Sunday, July 10, 2022 ~ Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week Video

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMT's, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you're stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the Pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Songs of Praise

In Jesus' Name Jesus is Coming Back

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God: at times when we hear the bad news of the world, it is as though we've been in the middle of a bad dream, and then we turn over and go back to sleep, ignoring the plight of people who are made in the image of God. It is hard to see tragedy and suffering. It is hard to admit whatever responsibility we might have in the plagues of the world. It is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. So help us, dear Lord. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you. This is our prayer, offered in the name of Christ. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Kari Rotter

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is my joy to tell you that in Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God for this gift! Alleluia. Amen.

Greeting

Sharing with Our Children

Offertory

THANK YOU for your faithfulness and for remembering the church with your summer giving. Our ministry continues year round and your offerings allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Take advantage of a simple, secure automatic withdrawal or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. Send offerings by mail to P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057. For gifts of stock please call the church office.

Song of Praise

I Receive

Sermon

A Woman's Place Scripture Text: Esther 1:1-22 (NLT) Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

Closing Song

Stronger

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Going Forth

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio:	Steve Drzaszcz
Live Stream:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-
	Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Cheryl Stevens & Michelle Davis-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	Greg Connlain and Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Check-in:	Deacon Jeff Mason
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God.

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New Sermon Series "Esther's Choice": Beginning Sunday, July 10, this 10-week summer sermon series is based on the Old Testament book of Esther. Pastors Spencer and Allen preach this 'page turner' of a story that demonstrates how God uses ordinary people to bring change in dangerous times.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone. A deacon volunteer is available to assist. *Please* remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

Thankful for a Great **Week of Vacation Bible School** (June 27- July 1, 2022) with 89 children, 8 Teachers, 51 Student Leaders, 6 Snack Helpers, 3 Property Staff, 1 Director & 1 Associate Pastor!

Prayer on the Porch: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - Join the Prayer Committee for a time of fellowship and prayer on the Van Camp Porch (July 13, 27, Aug. 10, 24).

<u>Weekly Zoom Prayer Time for Discipleship and Disciple-Making</u> at FPC Moorestown: On Thursdays from 12:30-1:00 p.m., take part in a time of prayer as we ask God to make us a church of disciples who make disciples. Here's the Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86328479075?pwd=TUdnOStFa1liaTd2NnJQVFILdmIzZz09</u>

Outdoor Worship Services: July 31 – 9:30 a.m. (Fifth Sunday); August 28 – 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary Worship)

<u>"Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion</u>": Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead this 5-week discussion on Jonathan Augustine's new book. Once registered online, please visit this <u>LINK</u> to select the best times that work for you to meet either in person or via Zoom. The discussion will start the week of July 25.

<u>Couples' Book Group</u> - 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays (9/14-11/2): Wes & Jennifer Allen lead this hybrid 8-week study on Terrence Real's book, <u>Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship</u>. You can order a copy of the book on Amazon or any other online retailer.

Registration is OPEN for the <u>Fall Prayer Retreat</u> at Holy Cross Monastery October 18-21. Pastor Spencer leads a study of spiritual practices from <u>"Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another"</u> by Rowan Williams. Online registration now open; printed forms also available. Cost: \$305 including study book; \$290 if purchasing the book on your own. Registration and fees are **due by Sept. 11.**

We are looking for contemporary worship ushers. Please contact Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com.

FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (See Prayer page on website for links)

- Mondays 9-10 AM Jim Cole leading Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- Tuesdays 9-10 AM Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- Wednesdays 7:00 PM (2nd & 4th in July & August) Prayer on the Porch
- **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM** (Zoom) Pray for our church, nation, and the world. For link, please contact Sue Piper (<u>storybooksue@comcast.net</u>).
- Thursdays 12:30-1:00 PM (Zoom) Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPCM.
- Thursdays 7:00 PM Live stream Prayer Service (praying for our church and discipleship)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** (summer) After Traditional worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential online prayer requests visit <u>https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</u>
- Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- **Prayer Vigils** sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.