



Sunday, July 10, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #8

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.

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week’s description: Write a note, visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal. [Watch the new Way 8 Video from Kari Rotter.](#)

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

God Himself is With Us

Cherwien

***Call to Worship**

Elder Joyce Peacock

Turn again, O Lord, and give us life.

We come here today to rejoice in your great name.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Give us again the joy of your help.

With the help of your Spirit, grant us freedom and sustain us.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Peacock

Hymn No. 340 (verse 1)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Amid the Thronging Worshipers

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

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.

Silent prayer for personal confession

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.

Sharing with Our Children

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

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.*

Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Piano

Hear De Lambs A-Cryin'

Spiritual, Arr. Burleigh

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Refrain: You hear de lambs a-cry-in'
 Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.

My Lord spoke dese words so sweet
Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.
Saying: "Peter if you love me feed-a my sheep"
Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.
Lord, I love Thee Thou dost know,
Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.
Oh give me grace to love-a Thee mo',
Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.

Refrain: For I'm a pilgrim journ'ing on
Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.
When you see me, pity me,
Oh shepherd, feed-a my sheep.

Refrain:

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"A Woman's Place"

Scripture Text: Esther 1: 1-22 (page 444 Pew Bible OT)
Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

Hymn No. 340 (verse 4)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Before You, Lord, the Proud Shall Bow

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Jordan

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle:	Elder Joyce Peacock
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Gail Sorin
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum - volunteers needed

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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

- **Summer Worship:** 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. OUTDOOR Worship: July 31: 5th Sunday Blended Worship (9:30 a.m.) and August 28: Contemporary Worship (10:30 a.m.).
- **NEW:** Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead a 5-week discussion on Jonathan Augustine's new book, *Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion*. [Register online https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bWnoYkxa](#) to select the best times that work for you to meet in person or via Zoom. Starts the week **of July 24th**.
- **[“Wednesday Evening Prayer on the Porch”](#)** -- Join the Prayer Committee at 7:00 pm for fellowship and prayer in the cool of the evening on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays during the summer. Remaining dates: July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24; see event page and website or contact Pam Engle at pam@pamengle.com.
- **You are invited to “Fun in the Arabian Sun”** - a fundraiser for the Arabic Evangelical Church of South Jersey, Sunday, July 23 from 4:30-8:30 pm outside on the church grounds ... come for an evening of fun filled with Arab cuisine, games and music. Cash only please.
- **New Sermon Series “Esther’s Choice”:** Beginning Sunday, July 10, our 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.
- **[New: Couple Series: Begins Sept. 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m. \(Zoom\)](#)** -- Wes and Jennifer Allen lead an 8-week virtual study on Terrence Real's book, *Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship*. Register online on our event page or website. Order a copy of the book on Amazon or online retailer.
- **Save the Date for the Fall Prayer Retreat** at Holy Cross Monastery October 18-21. Pastor Spencer leads a study of spiritual practices from [“Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another” by Rowan Williams](#). [Online registration is now available](#); 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**.
- **Our mission collections continue.** We are in need of rice, boxed milk, and proteins; cleaning supplies; paper products; school supplies, sports equipment; books. Drop off outside Missionwares store.

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.
- **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Wednesdays (2nd & 4th in July & August): [Prayer on the Porch](#)** (7:00 PM)
- **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM (Zoom)** – Pray for our church, nation and the world. For link please contact Sue Piper (<mailto:storybooksue@comcast.net>).
- **Thursdays 12:30-1:00 PM (Zoom)** – Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPC Moorestown
- **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 you or for you (David Room). Jim Cole available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- **Submit confidential online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
- **[Fall and 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