



**Sunday, July 17, 2022 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

**Way of the Week Video**

Melissa Corbin

9. **PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

Ideas for Action: 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**

Rev. Wes Allen

**Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

***Our God***

***Jesus is Coming Back***

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank You for the mercies we know, and ask Your forgiveness when fail to acknowledge You as the source of all good.**

**When we hoard Your gifts,  
when we say, "that's mine,"**

**when we ignore the bounty around us,  
when are blind to the good.**

**Forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.**

**Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*Silence for personal prayer*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:  
**in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Greeting

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## Sharing with Our Children

Rev. Spencer

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## Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*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

Worship Team

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### **Cornerstone**

## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

### **Here She is...Miss Persia!**

Scripture Text: [Esther 2:1-18 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

## Closing Song

Worship Team

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### **Great Are You, Lord**

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allen

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Audio:**

**Live Stream:** Angel Santiago

**Visuals:** Alice Conley

**Worship Team:** Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

**Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Carol Benner

**Ushers:** Dave Barr and Jason Rose

**Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Legath

**Check-in:** Susan Shaffer

**Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum

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

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

**Fire Pit Fridays:** *Starting July 22, come on out for a night of fellowship around the fire pit! All ages are welcome. Marshmallows will be provided. We have some seating around the fire pit, but you may wish to bring your favorite lawn chair. This event will take place weekly, weather permitting. No registration is required - just show up. Contact Cheryl Gaskill with questions (856-904-3056).*

**“Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion”:** Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead this 5-week discussion on Jonathan Augustine's new book. Once registered online, please visit this [LINK](#) 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.

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

**Special Congregational Meeting** is called by Session. It will held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 after the 9:30 Worship Service (outdoors). The purpose of the Meeting is to elect an Elder, Deacon, and Trustee effective immediately.

**Registration is OPEN** 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](#). 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**.

**Couples’ Book Group** - 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, [Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship](#). You can order a copy of the book on Amazon or any other online retailer.

#### **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** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ([storybooksue@comcast.net](mailto:storybooksue@comcast.net)).
- **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 <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
- **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.