



## Sunday, July 17, 2022 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> 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 #9

**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, EMTs, 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.

[Watch the new Way 9 Video from Melissa Corbin.](#)

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Allen

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

**Arabesque**

Vierne Op. 31, No. 15

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Dave Rebuck

O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory over sin, death, failure, and despair, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**If God is for us, who can be against us? There is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

So satisfy us with your love this morning, and we will live this day in joy and praise. To God be the glory!  
Let us worship God!

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rebuck

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### Hymn No. 60 (verse 1)

Joel Krott, Organ

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#### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Frank Mitchell, Bass

\*\*\*Seating interlude

### Call to Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, with our words, by our actions, and even through our attitudes. We freely admit that we have not loved you. To be honest, we have hardly thought of you this week. Moreover, we haven't loved others, including our family members, friends, and members of this Church Family. You are full of mercy and kindness, so please forgive our sins and wash away all of our wrongs. We want to delight in your goodness and walk faithfully in your ways to the glory of the holy, powerful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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May our merciful God grant unto us: pardon of our sins, strength to turn away from our wrongs, changed lives, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**May we, with trusting hearts of faith, receive God's forgiveness and believe His good word. Amen.**

### Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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#### ***I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me***

Spiritual, Arr. Miller

Sophia Gandy, Naomi Gandy, and Ava Gandy

Refrain: I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.  
My Lord's done just what He said; He's healed the sick and raised the dead.  
Oh, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

Did ever you see the like before? I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.  
King Jesus preaching to the poor! I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

Refrain:  
Oh wasn't that a happy day, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me;  
When Jesus washed my sins away! I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.  
Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right; I know the Lord's laid His hands on me;  
They fool all day and pray at night. I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

Refrain

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

Rev. Allen

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## 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

### ***I Know De Lord's Laid His Hands on Me***

Spiritual, Arr. Burleigh

Frank Mitchell, Bass

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## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### ***"Here She Is ... Miss Persia!"***

Scripture Text: Esther 2: 1-18 (page 445 Pew Bible OT)

Sermon Series: *Esther's Choice*

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## Hymn No. 60 (verse 2)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Summer and Winter, and Springtime and Harvest***

Frank Mitchell, Bass

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## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult***

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Beadle:</b>	Elder Dave Rebuck
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Dan Carson
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Debbie Heller and Carol Benner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Deacon Janet D'Angelo
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum - <b>volunteers needed</b>

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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

- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday July 31: 9:30 a.m. OUTDOOR Blended Worship.** Immediately following worship, there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to elect 1 trustee, 1 elder and 1 deacon.
- **Starting July 22: Introducing Fire Pit Fridays!** Come out for a night of fellowship around the fire pit! All ages from 1 to 101 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 (856-904-3056).
- **Sermon Series "Esther's Choice":** 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:** 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](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.**
- **[Volunteer for a day at the beach](#) on Wed. August 17th** to support our mission partner, the Children's Fresh Air Home. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Hereford Lighthouse in N. Wildwood, to welcome guests and have FUN! During their busy day, children are treated to miniature golf, ice cream, the beach, and a cookout before heading home. Volunteers 14 and older welcome -- earn service hours! [SIGN UP online](#) or contact Milt McFalls at [love2golf\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:love2golf_us@yahoo.com) or cell/text 856-996-5238.
- **["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 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24; see event page and website or contact Pam Engle at [pam@pamengle.com](mailto:pam@pamengle.com).
- **[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.
- **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](#). [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**.

### **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