



Sunday, August 14, 2022 ~ 10th Sunday After Pentecost

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Way of the Week #13

Jonathan & Karin Miller

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

[Watch the new Way 13 Video from Jonathan and Karin Miller.](#)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Layla Joshi, Organ

Dialogue (from Messe pour les Couvents)

F. Couperin

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 24)

Rev. Allen

The earth is the Lord's, for He made it.

Come, let us adore Him.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us adore Him.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

Come, let us adore him.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

*Hymn No. 66

The God of Abraham Praise

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*

Rev. Allen

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Assurance of Pardon *(adapted from Isaiah 6:7)*

Rev. Allen

Hear now, O Church, who stand in the gap for the world as representatives of God.

We have been made clean.

As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, He has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In him, our unkindness in action and in word has been forgiven.

Go now in the purity of Christ Jesus to speak the Gospel through actions of justice, mercy, grace, and love.

Hallelujah, Amen!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Sharing with Young Disciples

Holly Ascitutto

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*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

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

Thiman / Text by Caswall

Margaret Munro, Soprano

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing; nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.
O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart; O Joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.
Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be.
Jesu, be Thou our glory now and through eternity.*

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Allen

"Mission Impossible"

Scripture Text: Esther 5: 1-14 (page 447 Pew Bible OT) -- *Sermon Series: Esther's Choice*

*Hymn No. 383

For Beauty of Meadows

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Wagner

Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Harris A. Ransom (Best wishes at Rutgers, Harris. We will miss you!)
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Michael Welch, John Miller, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Jason Rose
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, e-blast and website for details)*

- **TODAY is the last Sunday for Harris A. Ransom**, one of our two student live stream operators. Harris leaves this month to attend Rutgers University-New Brunswick where he plans to major in Computer Engineering. We are grateful for Harris' leadership and tutelage in our live stream operation. He was pivotal in working with our staff and Technology Committee to bring the Worship Service into the homes of our members and help our church family negotiate the pandemic. *Best wishes to you, Harris!*
- **Looking for Ushers** -- We are in need of several ushers for the 10:30 a.m. Contemporary service. Can you help out every few weeks with this rewarding ministry? Contact Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com.
- **Summer Reminder** - Please remember to stay current with your Pledge during the summer months either through automatic electronic giving or by mailing your check to the office. Our ministry is year-round.
- **Fire Pit Fridays** -- Come 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 own lawn chair. This event will take place weekly, weather permitting. No registration is required - just show up! Contact Cheryl Gaskill (856-904-3056).
- **"Wednesday Evening Prayer on the Porch"** -- Join the Prayer Committee at 7:00 pm for prayer and fellowship in the cool of the evening on Wednesdays during the summer. Remaining date: Aug. 24.
- **Summer hours conclude Sunday, Sept. 4** (Labor Day weekend). Office is closed Monday, Sept. 5.
- **Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 11:** Return to regular worship times 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary and meet John Roberts, new youth director, between Services. EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Spiritual Formation kick-off with Dr. Steve Trzeciak 9:45-10:45 a.m. presenting "Live to Give," connecting to our September sermon series and NEW fall Small Group discussions. No children's/youth Sunday School.
- **Remembrance Service** – Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. led by Rev. Wes Allen (by cemetery cross).
- **Registration and fees are due by Sept. 11 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.
- **Attention Parents: CREDO Parents Information Meeting** for confirmation – **Sunday, Sept. 18** at 12:15 p.m. in the Hayes Room. It will be hybrid. CREDO is open to all high school students.
- **New: Couple Series Begins Sept. 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Zoom Hybrid)** -- 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 Events page or website. Order a copy of the book on Amazon or any online retailer.
- **Fall Inquirers' Class:** *Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.* - Sign up online if you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.