



**Sunday, September 4, 2022 ~ 13<sup>th</sup> 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 #16**

Video: Lucy Rorke-Adams

**16. GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

**Ideas for Action:** Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

[Watch the new Way 16 Video from Lucy Rorke-Adams.](#)

**Welcome and Work of God's People**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

***Prayerful Meditation***

Eugene Englert

**\*Call to Worship**

Elder Lorenzo Eagles

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –  
**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**  
Let us worship God today, for God is good –  
**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**  
Let us worship God today –  
**Because we are God's people.**  
Let us worship God.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

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Elder Eagles

## \*Hymn No. 783 (verses 1, 2, 3)

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***Here, O My Lord, I See You***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession

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Elder Eagles

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Elder Eagles

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us,  
The prejudice that blinds us,  
The ignorance that hobbles us,  
The doubt that plagues us.  
Help us, we pray, that we will  
Find courage in unlikely places,  
See the world with new and gracious eyes,  
Move to those places where love is needed,  
Have faith that you are with us.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

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Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth.  
Trusting in that mercy and that grace, we receive God's pardon. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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

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Rev. Allen

## Offertory

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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

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### ***Deep River***

Margaret Munro, Soprano

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

Moses Hogan

## \*Doxology No. 809

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## Sermon

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Rev. Stuart Spencer

### ***“Party On”***

Scripture Text: Esther 9: 18-28 (page 449 Pew Bible OT)

*Sermon Series: Esther’s Choice*

## The Lord’s Supper

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Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Hymn No. 783 (verses 4, 5)

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### ***Here, O My Lord, I See You***

## Music in Preparation for Service

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Glenn Rodgers, Organ

### ***Benedictus***

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## Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

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Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Beadle:</b>	Elder Lorenzo Eagles
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris Ransom
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Guest Organist:</b>	Glenn Rodgers
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jack Terry, James Clinton, Barry Leatherman
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Patrick McIlroy
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Deacon Mike McNeil
<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)

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- **TODAY: Summer hours conclude** (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 kicks off with Dr. Steve Trzeciak 9:45-10:45 a.m. "Live to Give," connecting to our September sermon series "Live to Give" and new fall small group discussions.
- **Registration and fees are due 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](#); printed forms also available. Cost: \$305 including study book; \$290 if purchasing the book on your own.
- **Crud Wars Sunday, Sept. 11** kicks off our youth programming for grades 7-12 with CRUD. [See Connections!](#)
- **Remembrance Service** – Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. led by Rev. Wes Allen (by cemetery cross).
- **Missions Dine and Donate Monday, Sept. 12** at Iron Hill Brewery, 124 E. Kings Highway, Maple Shade. Dine in, order online or takeout and 20% of the proceeds benefit Urban Promise International ministry Mercy Care in Malawi to assist in paying down their loan for their dormitory.
- **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](mailto: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 work continues year round.
- **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).
- **Bible Sunday is Sunday, Sept. 18** for our incoming third graders. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, contact Holly Ascitutto at [hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org). **Sunday School** for children and middle schoolers begins Sept. 18 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. – see website and *Connections* for room assignments.
- **Attention Parents: CREDO Parents Information Meeting** – Sunday, Sept. 18 at 12:15 PM in the Hayes Room. It will be hybrid. This confirmation class 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 event page or website. Order a copy of the book on Amazon or online retailer.
- **Fall Inquirers Class** for those newcomers interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown starts Wed. Sept. 21 and is a 3-part hybrid class. Visit our event page to learn more and to [register online](#).