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Sunday, October 2, 2022 ~ World Communion Sunday

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week Video

Paul Booker

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a Small Group, a class, or a committee. We need you!

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Good God Almighty

David Crowder

Joy

Call to Confession

Elder Sarah Rotter

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Day or night, it is always the right time to come before the Lord, our God,

for God already knows what lies in our hearts.

Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

for peace, for reconciliation, for grace.

Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

our greed, our apathy, our meanness.

Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.

And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

My friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know; and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. And let the people of agree and say: **Amen.**

Greeting

Moment for Stewardship – *Live to Give*

Deacon Tamara Trzeciak

Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

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 secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u> 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

Fill My Cup

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Find Common Ground

Scripture Text: | Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon Series: Live to Give

Confession of Faith (from Our World Belongs to God)

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, by His gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home; the broken find healing; the sinner makes a new start; the despised are esteemed; the least are honored; and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers His own crucified Body and shed blood to His people, assuring them a share in His death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, He feeds us with His resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup. We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink, and that He will come again to call us to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

Communion Song

Worship Team

Jesus Messiah

Communion Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine

Bass-Keys; Dennis James-Drums; Winnie Jiang-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Rich Corbin
Check-in: Caroline Joyce
Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fernando by Gina Mancillas.

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

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

Save The Date: The Stewardship Committee invites you to a special <u>Consecration Sunday</u>, October 16 (9:30 a.m. combined worship). We'll be tailgating! See the Events page on our <u>website</u> for details. There will be a **12-Hour Prayer Vigil** on Saturday, October 15 (5 am-5 pm) to pray for Consecration Sunday and Church Has Left The Building. Watch for your Giving Packet in the mail.

Church Has Left The Building is Coming! Sat., Oct. 29 & Sun., October 30 - Sign up in the Lobby for various projects that can be done on that weekend. See the projects list at https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/groups and on our website's Events page. Use this QR code to sign up online:

<u>Registration is OPEN for kids groups and Youth Groups</u>: Please sign up your students so we can get an accurate list of participants. <u>See our Events page on our website</u>. Informal Middle School gathering - Oct. 5; official start **Oct. 12.** High school Youth Group began Sept. 18.

<u>Fire Pit Fridays</u>: **6:00-9:00 p.m.** All ages are welcome. Marshmallows are provided. We have some seating around the fire pit, but you may wish to bring your own chair. This event will take place weekly, weather permitting. No registration is required - just show up. Contact Cheryl Gaskill with questions (856-904-3056).

Help UrbanPromise-Honduras: Please consider helping UrbanPromise-Honduras by purchasing supplies online for their after-school program. Be sure to check the box Blair Quinius's shipping address. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/MP2M9HSGJD0D/ref=hz ls biz ex

Reliable Automobile: We have had two requests to ask our congregation to help them find a good car. One is from a missionary who is getting her PhD. at Princeton Seminary and the other is from a couple who recently totaled their vehicle. Both are willing to pay for a vehicle but have not found anything. If you have a vehicle available, please e-mail missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

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 (2nd & 4th 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).
- 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.