



Sunday, April 2, 2023 ~ Palm Sunday, Lord's Supper; One Great Hour of Sharing
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

All Glory Laud and Honor

Arr. Kinyon

Bell Choir (Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry); Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Introit

Hosanna, Hosanna

Beethoven, Arr. Mitchell

Praise Him, Praise Him

Anonymous

Primary Choir; Sawyer McNab, Piano

*Call to Worship

Elder Matt Livingston

King Jesus comes: King Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior and Lord.

Hail, King Jesus, Lord of all!

Recall the words of Scripture: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith to the way everlasting.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Livingston

*Hymn No. 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

***Seating interlude

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem – to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Oh Lord, we confess that too often we turn inward toward our own desires. We turn in the direction that is most comfortable and most familiar. Help us to set our eyes on the path of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to follow in His journey this Holy Week so that we might be united with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

We are met by God in our times of testing. Our Lord knows the choices we face and has made clear the cost of the faithful way. Through faith in Jesus Christ we find our strength for the journey.

Jesus has gone before us. His cross symbolizes the agony, but also the victory. Through Christ we find our peace and assurance. Amen.

Choral Response

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Clap Your Hands

Owens

Primary Choir; Juliet Barton and Lyla Bechtel, Soloists

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Anthem

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Ride to Jerusalem

Michael Bedford

Junior Choir

Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today.
Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, palms spread along the way.
You bear a dear and precious load, making your way down a crowded road.
Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today.

Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today.
Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, palms spread along the way.
You bear the Son of God, you see. He'll bear a cross for you and me.
Sing hosanna. Blessed is he Who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #21: You're Sent, Now Go

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Check out the Missions tab on our website. Look at our local mission partners' websites for information and ideas for service. Contact Linda Jagiela, Director of Outreach, for additional suggestions. Make plans to go and serve ASAP.

Offertory

Thank you for your faithfulness and for remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate easily from your phone via the Church Center app. If you're watching via live stream, you can take part and give online right now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**.

TODAY: One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Children may return their fish banks in the offering or give to an usher. Drop down is available for online giving and special *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering envelopes are in the pews.

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

From "Theresa Mass"

Haydn

Adult Choir

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
Gloria Tua.
Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
All heaven and earth
Are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Pasture: Form a Search Party"

Scripture Text: Luke 15: 1-10 (page 78 Pew Bible NT)

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Powell

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Luke Maxted)

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Matt Livingston; **Communion Elder:** Gayle Payne; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller, Fran Green and Martha Derry; **Ushers:** John Miller, Barry Leatherman, Jim Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** Patrick McIlroy; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jeff Mason; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given to the glory of God this Palm Sunday as we enter Holy Week.

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and our app for details)

- **TODAY: One Great Hour of Sharing offering is held on Palm Sunday.** Children may return their fish banks at both services. Please use the drop down for electronic giving for One Great Hour of Sharing or special envelopes that are in the pews. *Please mark OGHS in the memo field on checks.*
- **TODAY** we'll be meeting in the garden at 12:30 pm to [plant more of our crops](#). We planted peas last week! Please bring a shovel (if you have one and can do shoveling work), a trowel and gardening gloves. Remember that this is weather-dependent, so check your email if it looks like rain.
- **TONIGHT:** Palm Sunday Concert **April 2 (7:30 pm):** Haydn's "Theresa" Mass. TICKETS: www.wjcms.org or at the door; features West Jersey Chamber Orchestra & Chorale and the FPC Moorestown Adult Choir
- The Deacons are seeking volunteers to help with **Easter Flower deliveries** on Easter Sunday, April 9th. This is a wonderful way to show our love to some of our less mobile members and brighten their Easter Day. If you can help, please contact Deacon Vicki Terry (vickiterry633@gmail.com), Deacon Rachel Long (rchumney@gmail.com) or Jan Martin in the office (856) 235-1611. We have 60 plants to deliver.
- **Adult Spiritual Formation (Sundays 9:45-10:45 am):** [The Book of Acts](#) study is extended until **May 21**. No class on April 9. Meets in FH Hall A. **NEW!** Beginning April 16 is a marriage study ["You and Me Forever."](#) Dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. Sign up online or through the Church Center app *Signups*. Meets in the Hayes Room.
- **Maundy Thursday Drama "From the Table to the Cross":** **Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm** in Miller Commons. This unique drama features scripture, songs and personal narratives as "you are there" for Jesus' last days. Communion will be served.
- **Good Friday April 7 worship opportunities** – At 12 noon, we will host the Moorestown Ministerium's interfaith **Community Good Friday Service** in our outdoor Courtyard. At 7:30 pm in our sanctuary, we will present our **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** which moves us from light into dark on the day of the crucifixion. See our [website](#) and *Lent Resource Guide* for information.
- **Easter Worship Services April 9:** 6:30 am Sunrise Service (Cemetery Cross), 8:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). *He is Risen! Alleluia!* Nursery Care will be provided. There is no children's Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation on Easter.
- **SIGN UP for our Couples Retreat May 19-21, 2023** in Cape May. \$450/couple. See our event page, app.
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- **Ice Cream Social Friday, April 14 from 6-8 pm** in Fellowship Hall -- Learn about GTi Hope's ministry in India and Linda Jagiela and Debbie Heller's trip. Free will offering to support women's literacy programs in India.
- **April 21 Spaghetti Dinner Friday, April 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm;** dinner includes spaghetti, dinner salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Free will offering to benefit programs of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Keynote Speaker: Pastor Leon Dorleans, founder of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Hosted by Mission Committee
- We are looking for individuals high school or older to learn our **live stream system and audio** for our Sunday morning broadcasts. We will train! Help us continue our live stream ministry. [See event page](#).