



Sunday, April 9, 2023 ~ Easter Sunday

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

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Psalm 20

Marcello

Brass Ensemble

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Now God Be Praised in Heaven Above

Vulpius

Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble

Now God be praised in heaven above, praised be he for His great love,
Wherein all creatures live and move, hallelujah!
Praise Him yet more for conqu'ring faith, which feareth neither pain nor death,
But, trusting God, rejoicing saith, hallelujah!
His grace defends us from all ill; His Christ shall be our leader still,
Till heaven and earth shall do His will; hallelujah!

*Call to Worship

Elder Dave Rebuck

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is here among us in this place!

Was, is, and ever shall be! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Jesus is our hope, our unfailing, sure hope!

Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rebuck

*Hymn No. 234

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Rebuck

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Bring new life because we are worn and tired from living for ourselves. Forgive us so we may forgive those who have wounded and hurt us. Grant us joy so that the freedom of the Holy Spirit might release us from the slavery of doing wrong. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, offers forgiveness to all today. When our sorrow is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thank you, God! We believe you and we love you. Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Gloria Patri

Palestrina

Adult Choir; Brass Ensemble

*Gloria patri et filio
Et spiritui sancto
Amen.*

Glory to the father and Son
and the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Johann Crueger

Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto; Frank Mitchell, Bass

See insert for text

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #22: Rest and Reflect

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Offertory

Thank you for your faithfulness and for remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. **Special Easter offering envelopes are in the pews.** 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.



Offertory Music

Maria Magdalene

Andrea Gabreili

Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble

*Maria Magdalene et altera Mary
ibant diluculo ad monumentum:
Jesus quem quaeritis non est hic:
surrexit,
sicut locutus est,
praecedit vos in Galilaeam,
ibi eum videbitis.
Alleluia.*

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
went early to the tomb:
is not here,
is risen
as was foretold,
goes before you to Galilee,
You must go there to see Him.
Alleluia.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"I'll Race You!"

Scripture Text: John 20: 1-10 (page 114 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 247

The Day of Resurrection

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

All Creatures of Our God and King

Nehlybel

Brass Ensemble

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Rachel Long)

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Dave Rebuck; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Easter Flower Display:** Steve Cashmer and Fran Green; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Gail Sorin; **Nursery Caregivers:** Amy Coombe and Susan Shaffer; **Hospitality:** Steve Margerum, Sam Caraballo, Lissa Herman, Jonathan Schramm, Susan Shaffer; **Brass Ensemble:** Jonathan Shaw, Trumpet 1; Francis Carpino, Trumpet 2; Matthew Gould, Trombone; Russel Mehrtins, Bass Trombone; Charles Ross, Percussion

Worship flowers in our worship spaces today are the beautiful spring flowers given by members in honor or in memory of those they hold dear. **See insert for these dedications.**

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

- **Easter Worship Services April 9:** 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.
- **TODAY: Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden Tours** -- After each of our Easter worship services; the newly constructed Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden will be available for a tour. The garden is located near the labyrinth and fire pit on the cemetery side of our main parking lot. Learn more from Leslie Spencer, one of our Mustard Seed Garden co-leaders, who will be on hand to answer your questions.
- 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 right through the Church Center app *Signups*. Meets in the Hayes Room.
- **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.
- **2023 Spring Inquirers' Class** -- Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you its Spring Inquirers Class. The three-part series will meet **Wed. April 19, Sat. April 22 and Sunday, April 23** – [please see event page for complete times/schedule](#). New members will be welcomed at worship **Sunday, April 30** (9:30 am 5th Sunday). *Our Session, our church's governing body, asks those interested to please attend both the April 22 and April 23 sessions.* Participants will focus on questions of membership, our relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, what it means to be a disciple, and a faithful member of this congregation.
- **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
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- 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](#).
- **Do you know of a 2023 graduate?** Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office.
- **Fifth Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 30 – 9:30 am** blended worship; Congregational Meeting to elect elders, deacons and trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023; **NEW:** church-wide 5th Sunday service project for Cathedral Kitchen, led by our deacons. See our event page for details.