



**Sunday, May 14, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter, CREDO Members, Mother's Day**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

\*please stand as you are able

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### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

#### *Chorale*

Joseph Jongen Op. 39 No. 4

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### Introit

#### *Christ of the Upward Way*

Walter Mathmas

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Christ of the upward way, my Guide divine, Where Thou hast set Thy feet may I set mine;  
And move and march wherever Thou hast trod, Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

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### \*Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 62)

Elder Paul Grossmann

Our souls wait in silence;

**our hope rests in God**

our rock

**our salvation**

our refuge.

**We will not be shaken.**

In this time of worship,

**we pour out our hearts because we trust in God's steadfast love.**

Come, my friends, and let us worship God!

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

## \*Hymn No. 5

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### ***Come, Thou Almighty King***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession

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Elder Grossmann

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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O Creating, Everlasting God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

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Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*inside cover hymnal*)

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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### ***Baptism of Caroline Anne Gordon***

Rev. Spencer, Elder Beth Lefferts

Parents: Paul and Rachel Gordon; Big brothers Avery, Isaac and Freddy Gordon

**Congregational Response: Hymn No. 470: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know***

## Anthem (adapted from Psalm 128)

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Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Blessed Are All They That Fear the Lord***

Leo Sowerby

Adult Choir

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: O well is thee and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house; thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Zion shall so bless thee, that thou shall see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children and peace upon Israel.

## Recognizing our CREDO Members

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Rev. Wes Allen

Carson Cristella (11:00, mentor Jonathan Schramm), Will Gaskill (8:30, mentor Rich Corbin), Avery LaMonica (mentor Dave Fauvell), Alex Perkowski (8:30, mentor Steve Connlain).

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

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Rev. Allen

## Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth with Love

Rev. Allen

2. **SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

**Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday):** Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

## Offertory

Rev. Allen

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<i>Where your treasury is, there will your heart be also. Mat. 6:21</i>	My Offering	
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## Offertory Music

### **St. Anthony's Chorale (Hymn No. 37)**

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

## \*Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### **"Don't Leave Before the Miracle"**

**Scripture Text:** Acts 1: 1-5 (page 118 Pew Bible NT)

## \*Hymn No. 298

### **Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove**

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

Cherwien

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Dr. Amit Joshi)

Rev. Spencer

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer, Karin Miller and Sherrell Fitts; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry and Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** Rich Corbin; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Karen Hynoski; **Nursery Caregivers:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

**Worship flowers** are given by Rumi Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Jack.

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

- **Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN!** [See our event page](#) for information on the **June 26- June 30** VBS. At *Stellar* VBS we will launch on a cosmic quest where we will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. ☺ Adults and Teen Volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> grade and older): we need you! Sign up on the VBS page.
- The next round of our Ways (Round 10), began **Sunday, May 7**. Please pick up a copy of our revised *Ways Study Guide*, which has been refreshed with new references. Copies are also available in the church office or to [download](#) from our website.
- **June 4: Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday**, invites us to consider how to share the blessings God has given us beyond our lifetime through donations, wills, memorials and personal estate planning.
- **Last day of children's Sunday School will be Sunday, May 21**, Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will recognize our teachers, small group leaders, DBS leaders and youth leaders this Sunday.
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- **64<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival – Friday, June 2 (6:00-9:00 pm)**; find sign up sheets at church and online sign ups to volunteer at the many places that need your help. Free will offering, suggested \$8 adults, \$4 children. Proceeds will be used for community outreach through FPC Moorestown. [See event page.](#)
- In May, we are celebrating mothers and mothers to be. Join us in collecting change for Options for Women to help them provide free ultrasounds to women. Pick up a baby bottle and save your change through the month of May. Bring the bottles to church on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** and join us for a baby shower at **11:30 am** to share brunch and hear speakers from Options For Women (*note time change due to summer hours*)
- Dedication of the [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) – **Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm** by the garden. We will be joined by Moorestown Mayor Nicole Gillespie, members of the town council and the Ritter family who has graciously funded the initial construction of the garden. Please join us as the family cuts the ribbon to commemorate this new ministry to the Moorestown community.
- **Help us continue our live stream ministry.** 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! [See event page.](#)
- **Officer Training** -- Thank you to our incoming elders, deacons and trustees for heeding the call to serve. Officer training will be Zoom hybrid on Wednesday, **May 10** and **May 17**. Terms begin June 1. New officers will be examined by Session Tues. **May 23**. Installation and Ordination of officers will be May 28.
- **Summer worship hours** will begin **Sunday, June 4** and conclude Sunday, Sept. 3. Worship shifts to 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). There is no children's Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation in the summer (adult class ends June 11).
- **The funeral reception committee** is a valuable asset to our church. This ministry team provides a time of hospitality and fellowship following the funeral worship service. Several volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up after the funeral receptions, which are usually held in Fellowship Hall. Please contact leader Winnie Lyall at [wlyall43@gmail.com](mailto:wlyall43@gmail.com) or 856-305-4969 to volunteer for this team.