



## Sunday, June 11, 2023 ~ Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 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. Wes Allen

### Music in Preparation for Worship

*Arietta*

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Coleridge-Taylor

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

Elder Lorenzo Eagles

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**God is the Maker of heaven and earth.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**So let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Yes, let us adore the Lord with gladness.**

Come into God's presence with glad and grateful hearts. Let us worship God.

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Eagles

### \*Hymn No. 45

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

### Call to Confession

Elder Eagles

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:  
Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,  
That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,  
Paths that lead to dread and death.  
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,  
Life that is abundant and eternal,  
Life that began at the creation of all things.  
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,  
and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.  
We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

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Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Wes Allen

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## Way of the Week #6: Forgive ... Again

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**6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN.** Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

**Ideas for Action:** Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

## Offertory

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	Matt. 6:21	

## Offertory Music

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### ***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Jennifer Wait, Soprano

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Arr. Walters

## \*Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

#### ***“Protecting the Investment”***

**Scripture Text:** Hosea 2: 2-19 (page 835 Pew Bible OT)

**New Sermon Series:** God’s Huge Heart

## \*Affirmation of Faith (from Our World Belongs to God)

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Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of His hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose. God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping His promise, He sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news: sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God — the first fruits of a new creation. Amen.

## \*Hymn No. 86

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### ***We Come, O Christ, to You***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***By Streams of Everlasting Love***

Powell

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Stuart Spencer)

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Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Lorenzo Eagles; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Martha Derry and Carol Benner; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Trustee Greeter:** Matt Moxhay; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Gail Sorin; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)


**Worship flowers** are given by Ray and Sally Freud in loving memory of their parents Eleanor and Robert Whitaker, and Amalie and Philip Freud. Today’s flowers are also given in loving memory of Walter C. Gilmore, husband of Clarice; father of Ann, Lorraine and Alan; grandfather of Jessica, Noah, Tori, Joey, Lauren, Alison, and Colin.

### **NEW: Our World Belongs to God**

In our summer sermon series on the book of Hosea, each Sunday we’ll read a portion of a statement of faith called, “Our World Belongs to God,” from the Christian Reformed Church. While not having confessional status, it is meant to give a hymn-like expression of our faith within the heritage of the Reformed confessions, especially addressing issues that confront the church today.

<https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

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

- **TODAY:** [Baby Shower](#) – Join us at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall for our baby shower supporting Options for Women. Drop off your baby bottle with checks, cash, or coins to help provide free pregnancy screening, ultrasounds and education. Other “shower gifts” welcomed are: diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby bath soap and baby lotions.
  - **TOMORROW:** Dedication and ribbon cutting for the [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) – **Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm** by the garden. Come celebrate this new community ministry. Our first crops are in! See our event page for weekend dates to come water, weed, plant and harvest our garden.
  - **YES, there's still time to register for Vacation Bible School; deadline is JUNE 14:** [See our event page](#). At *Stellar* VBS we will launch on a cosmic quest where we will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. 😊 Open to the community so bring your friends. Adults: we need you! Sign up on the VBS page. VBS is June 26-30, 9 am – noon.
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- **For VBS Mission Time**, the students will be making holdover bags for Christian Caring Center's ministry with the homeless. [See our event page](#) for items you can donate for this special collection.
  - **64<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival** –THANK YOU to everyone who hulled, volunteered, brought or baked cakes, donated, welcomed visitors, spooned strawberries, coordinated needs, attended, supported, wrangled children and cleaned up at our church's largest event!
  - **Summer worship hours** began **June 4**. Worship is 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. Adult Spiritual Formation offers a drop-in series **10:00-10:45 am** in the Lounge. Children's Sunday School is on summer break – see you in the fall. 😊 During summer months *Connections* prints every two weeks.
  - Registration is OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg summer camp **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
  - **Recent Member Reception Sunday, July 30**, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, **9:30 am** Blended Worship. After our Fifth Sunday worship we have something very special planned -- a church-wide welcome reception in honor of our recent church members, coordinated by the Membership Committee and Deacons. Watch for details. 😊
  - **Join the Prayer Committee** for fellowship and prayer on these cool summer evenings for [Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch](#). Gather on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch: begins June 15; July 6; July 20; August 3; August 17.
  - **The funeral reception committee** provides a time of hospitality following a funeral worship service. Several volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up after the funeral receptions. Would you like to help out this team? Please contact leader Winnie Lyall at [wlyall43@gmail.com](mailto:wlyall43@gmail.com) or 856-305-4969.
  - **NEW! Family Paintball and Whitewater Rafting!** Check out our events page online or through *Signups* on the Church Center app about two exciting family adventures this summer. Sign up and pay online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.