



**Sunday, June 11, 2023** ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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**Welcome and Work of God's People**

Rev. Wes Allen

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**Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

***Our God Saves  
Do It Again***

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**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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.

*Silence for personal confession*

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**Assurance of Forgiveness**

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.**

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**Greeting**

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**Sharing with Our Young Disciples**

Rev. Spencer

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

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O God, we come asking for You to wake us up from our slumber. Help us to understand how to worship You more fully.

**Awaken Your people, O Lord.**

Help us to understand how You want us to serve You.

**Awaken Your people, O Lord.**

Help us to understand how to love each other so that the world will know that we are Your disciples.

**Awaken Your people, O Lord. Awaken me.**

**Way of the Week Video** – Stuart Spencer

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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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**Song of Praise**

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Worship Team

***This is Our God*****Sermon**

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Rev. Spencer

***Protecting the Investment***Scripture Text: [Hosea 2:2-19](#)

Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

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

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Rev. Spencer

**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.**

**Closing Song**

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Worship Team

***Your Great Name***

## 10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Cheryl Stevens, Winnie Jiang-Vocals
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Martha Derry and Carol Benner
<b>Usher:</b>	JoAnn Reynik
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	
<b>Check-in:</b>	Diane Samuel
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Eleanor & Robert Whitaker and Amalie & Philip Freud, by Ray & Sally Freud; and in loving memory of Walter C. Gilmore by Clarice Gilmore & Ann Migrala and family.

**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>.

**Sermon Series:** Use this link to our website to access [additional resources](#) for our new Sermon Series on the Book of Hosea.

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A 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.

**Summer worship hours:** Worship shifts to 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (*Sanctuary*) and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Commons*). Adult Spiritual Formation offers a casual drop-in series 10:00-10:45 am in the Lounge. There is no children's Sunday School in the summer. During summer months, *Connections* prints every two weeks.

**Adult Spiritual Formation:** We are offering two classes: **You & Me Forever (4/16-6/11):** In his book, Francis & Lisa Chan dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. The \$25 registration fee includes one copy of the book and workbook. – *Hayes Room*

**Drop in & Discuss** - Join us each Sunday morning this summer, beginning June 4, to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather from 10:00-10:45 a.m. Get your coffee and drop in for 10 minutes or for 40. – *Lounge*

**Mustard Seed Coop. Garden:** We will be celebrating the official opening on Monday, **June 12 at 6:00** p.m.! Please join us as Pastor Spencer dedicates the Garden; Mayor Gillespie offers her support; and the Ritter Family cuts the ribbon to commemorate the start of this new ministry to our community.

**Stellar VBS!** – June 26-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Kids will take off on an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of faith-building fun. Cost is \$25 (\$20/addtl. child). Please **Register by June 14**. Adults and Teen Volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> grade & older): we need you! Sign up on the VBS page.

**Camp Johnsonburg:** Camp Offerings the week of July 16–21 include:

1. **Elementary Students** (2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade) - **Mystery Camp:** Your group will have to solve the mystery over the course of the week. You'll make new friends, try new activities, and have a blast swimming in the pool and lake, boating, making your dinner over a campfire, and a whole lot more. Limited spots available for this one, so sign up soon!
2. **Middle School & High School students** (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) – **Night Owl:** Enjoy God's creation in the *dark*--with stargazing, worshiping around a campfire, glow-in-the-dark night games, and much more! Campers will get to stay up later and sleep in later. *The middle and high school programs are run separately from each other, including activities, accommodations, etc.*

Register at [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org). Camper registration costs range from \$590-\$890 for the week. Scholarships are available through The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey and First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

#### **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)
- **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM** (Zoom) – Pray for our church, nation, and the world. For link, please contact Sue Piper ([storybooksue@comcast.net](mailto: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*)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Prayer on the Porch – Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays June-Sept.*)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** – 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.