



Sunday, June 18, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Baptism, Father's Day
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. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Adagio from Trio for Flute, Clarinet and Piano

Reinecke

Jessica Migrala, Flute; Noah Migrala, Clarinet; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

*Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 50:1-6)

Elder Gaskill

"The mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silent, before Him is a devouring fire and a mighty storm all around Him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge his people:

'Gather to Me, My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!'

The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge."

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gaskill

*Hymn No. 502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Gaskill

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

O God, You make covenants with Your people, and You keep them from generation to generation. We receive grace from You, but we are slow to extend it to others. We break our word; we bargain to get ourselves the best terms; and we find ourselves using deceit and infidelity to get our way. All too often, we can't be trusted. Thank You for never giving up on us despite all the ways we fall short. Make us keepers of our word. Equip us to say what we do and to do what we say. Pardon us for our sins — these and all others — as we continue to confess in silence ...

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

When we speak of our sin. When we stop the silence and cover up. God is faithful to forgive our guilt.
Let us live as people forgiven by God through Jesus Christ. Embrace forgiveness. Embrace the resurrection and proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth.
Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Spencer, Elders P. Engle & D. Rebeck

Baptism of Harper Jo Dugan

Parents: Ryan and Julie Dugan; Big brother Miles

Baptism of Scarlett Elizabeth Schneider

Parents: Megan and Andrew Schneider; Big sister Lydia

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

Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise God's name, hear the Word proclaimed, learn God's ways, confess our sins, offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.

God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread and wine. In baptism, whether of the newly born or newly converted, God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love, the washing away of our sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit — expecting our love and trust in return.

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

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

Way of the Week: Celebrate our Unity; Savor our Diversity

7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY; SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

Offertory

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Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mat. 6:21	My Offering	
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	Amount: _____	_____

Offertory Music

Then Sings My Soul

Swedish Folk Melody/Lanier

Jessica Migrala, Flute; Noah Migrala, Clarinet; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

Scripture Text: [Hosea 2:14-3:5](#) (page 836 OT Pew Bible)

New Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

*Hymn No. 84

Children of the Heavenly Father

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

In Thee Have I Found My Help, O Lord

J. C. Bach

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Kelly Sponseller)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Cheryl Gaskill; **Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Mason; **3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** Lisa Heisler; **3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Donna Leatherman and Sherrell Fitts; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** Patrick McIlroy; **Check-in Volunteer:** Deacon Janet D'Angelo; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*Volunteers needed for this ministry.*)

Worship flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of Boyce M. Adams.

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*, e-blast, website and our app for details)

- **YES, there's still time to register for Vacation Bible School!** [See our Event page.](#) At *Stellar VBS*, kids will launch on a cosmic quest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. 😊 Open to the community. Adults: *We need you!* Sign up on the VBS page. **June 26-30**, 9 am – noon. Walk up registration too.
- **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.
- **Summer Reminders:** Traditional worship is 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. Adult 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.
- *Officers:* Mailboxes by the stairs have been updated to reflect incoming elders, deacons and trustees – find yours. See the June 18-July 1 issue of *Connections* for a list of incoming and outgoing officers.
- **Pray with the Prayer Committee** with [Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch](#). Gather on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch: July 6; July 20; August 3; August 17.
- Registration is OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg summer camp **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- **5th Sunday Ice Cream Social & Celebration:** After our blended Fifth Sunday worship on **Sunday, July 30** at 9:30 am, we have something very special planned -- a churchwide Ice Cream Social & Recent Member Celebration in honor of the past four years of church members, coordinated by the Membership Committee and Deacons. Watch for details.
- **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 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>.
- Would you like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone special? Openings remain for several dates this summer. Each vase is \$40. Contact Rumi Sinunu at (856) 266-4047 cell or rts319@gmail.com.
- **Please submit 2023-24 event dates**, room requests, planning dates and meeting schedules to the church office by **August 1** for the church calendar and summer staff planning session.
- The Stewardship Committee is looking for old photographs of the church for use in its October stewardship campaign showing our history. Please give to Jan Martin in the church office.
- **Trek Malawi with UrbanPromise** -- Pastor Spencer and member Jim Dugan will join other cyclists on a 300-mile bicycle trek through the country of Malawi for UrbanPromise **July 7-18**. For pastoral concerns please contact Rev. Wes Allen or the church office. You can pray along with Stuart, Jim and the group daily. Watch for a *Prayer Guide* on our website, eblast and event pages.

