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Sunday, June 25, 2023 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Worship Team

Dr. Mouris Yousef

Songs of Praise

This is Our God Same God

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, deed, and attitude, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus calls us to be His own and to live as a forgiven, free, and grace-filled people. We have been made holy through the death of Jesus Christ.

This is God's Gospel promise: to forgive our sins and to give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice, completed on the cross. Amen.

Greeting

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Rev. Wes Allen

Moment for Mission: World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. Look for special pew envelopes today for donations to the ministry of our missionary Nadia Ayoub, who is working with Ukrainian refugees in Greece. For information, visit <u>https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day.</u>

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Way of the Week Video – Kari Rotter

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week's description: write a note, call or visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

Song of Praise

Do It Again

Sermon

The Case Against Us

Scripture Text: <u>Hosea 4:1-12</u> Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

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

"Fallen in that first sin, we prove each day that apart from grace we are guilty sinners: we fail to thank God; we break God's laws; we ignore our tasks. Looking for life without God, we find death; grasping for freedom outside the law, we trap ourselves in Satan's snares; pursuing pleasure, we lose the gift of joy." Lord, have mercy upon us.

Closing Song	Worship Team
Your Love Never Fails	

Benediction and Going Forth

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca	
	Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboard; Cheryl Stevens, Michelle Davis-	
	Vocals	
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and JoAnn Reynik	
Usher:	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain	
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin	
Check-in:	Diane Samuel	

Jean Kunkel

Worship Team

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Hospitality:Chelsea MargerumNursery Caregiver:Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the marriage of Allen & Barbara Lewis by Barbara.

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

Sermon Series: Use this link to our website to access <u>additional resources</u> for our new Sermon Series on the Book of Hosea.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> 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.

<u>Summer worship hours</u>: 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: 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

<u>Stellar VBS</u>! – June 26-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Please keep our Vacation Bible School in your prayers this week.

NEW: Youth Summer Book Study - Wednesday evenings, starting June 21, led by Cheryl Gaskill and Dave Fauvell. SIGN UP on our Event page! We're looking at "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, a skeptic turned believer, and his son, Sean McDowell.

Family Paintballing, *Pemberton*, *NJ* – Thurs., **July 13** from **8:30 am-4:30 pm:** Join us for an action-packed day of Paintballing in the Pine Barrens. (The minimum age to participate is 10 years old.) Cost: \$70 per person; \$50 w/ your own equipment - <u>Register & pay online</u>.

<u>Camp Johnsonburg</u>: Camp Offerings the week of July 16–21 include:

1. Elementary Students (2nd -5th 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!

 Middle School & High School students (6th-12th 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 <u>www.campiburg.org</u>. 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.

Whitewater Rafting! Lehigh River, PA - Sat., Aug. 5 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm: Everyone is welcome, so bring the whole family & invite your friends for an unforgettable experience. (The minimum age to participate is 8 years old.) Cost: \$70 per person - <u>Sign up & pay online</u>.

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 (<u>storybooksue@comcast.net</u>).
- 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 (1st & 3rd 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 <u>https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</u>
- 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.