



## Sunday, July 9, 2023 ~ 6th 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

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

#### *O Spirit of the Living God*

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### \*Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 89: 1-4)

Rev. Allen

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Praise the Lord!**

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Joyce Wenzke

### \*Hymn No. 26

#### *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*

\*\*\*Seating interlude

### Call to Confession

Elder Wenzke

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Wenzke

Holy God, we come before you this morning seeking your grace and compassion. Forgive us Gracious Lord for seeking you in the wrong places - forgive us for claiming that we have the right answers, for claiming we know more about you and our faith than others - forgive our arrogance. Instill within us your Spirit of humility and unify our mission in being a church of disciple makers. Heal us and free us from our spiritual blindness — hear us as we confess our sin to you in this time of silent prayer and reflection ...

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Wenzke

When we speak of our sin, when we stop the silence and cover up, God is faithful to forgive our guilt.  
**Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen!**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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

Rev. Allen

## Sharing with our Young Disciples

## Way of the Week #10: Join Hands

**10. JOIN HANDS.** Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

**Ideas for Action:** Is there some task you're doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you're facing.

## Offertory

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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

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

### ***Litany to the Holy Spirit***

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Juliet Barton, Soprano

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress, and when I my sins confess,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me, comfort me.

When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head, and with doubts discomfited,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me, comfort me.

When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me, comfort me.

## \*Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

#### ***“Christian Impenitence”***

**Scripture Text:** Hosea 6: 4-7:16 (page 838 Pew Bible OT)

**Sermon Series:** God’s Huge Heart

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

Rev. Allen

Serving the Lord in whom all things hold together, we support sound education in our communities, and we foster schools and teaching in which God’s truth shines in all learning. All students, without regard to abilities, race, or wealth, bear God’s image and deserve an education that helps them use their gifts fully.

Our work is a calling from God. We work for more than wages and manage for more than profit so that mutual respect and the just use of goods and skills may shape the workplace. While we earn or profit, we love our neighbors by providing useful products and services. In our global economy we advocate meaningful work and fair wages for all. Out of the Lord’s generosity to us, we give freely and gladly of our money and time.

## \*Hymn No. 458

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### ***Search Me, O God***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

### ***From My Heart’s Deep Foundation***

J.C. Bach

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Brian Catanella)

Rev. Allen

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Joyce Wenzke; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and JoAnn Reynik; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Wendy Dougherty, Paul Grossmann; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jason Rose; **Nursery Caregiver:** Chelsea Margerum; **Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Sue Piper (volunteers needed for this ministry)

**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Blaine Gainer.

**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. Visit <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)

- [Trek Malawi with UrbanPromise](#) -- Pastor Spencer will be away **July 7-18** joining Jim Dugan and other riders on a 300-mile bicycle trek through the country of Malawi, Africa for UrbanPromise. For pastoral concerns please contact Rev. Wes Allen or the church office. You can pray along with Stuart, Jim and the group daily. [Follow along with the Prayer Guide on our website and event pages.](#)
- **High Schoolers:** Did you know we have a summer camp trip in July! Join Burlington County Young Life for an incredible [summer camp July 19-24](#) at Saranac Village, NY. [See the scoop on our event page!](#)
- Registration is OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg summer camp **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- [Read an Update letter](#) from Pastor Stuart with exciting news of our youth director search, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday reception July 30, September worship times and our Presbytery. *Find it on our website, event page, eblast.*
- [Youth Summer Book Study](#), Wednesday evenings, led by Cheryl Gaskill and Dave Fauvell. SIGN UP on our [event page](#). We'll be looking at "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, a skeptic turned believer, and his son, Sean McDowell.
- For July and August, our Thursday Prayer Service is on hiatus. Instead, all are encouraged to participate in [Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch](#). Come pray with the Prayer Committee on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm: remaining dates: **July 20; Aug. 3; Aug. 17**.
- [Recent Member Reception & Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 30, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 9:30 am](#) Blended Worship. After our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship we have something very special planned -- a church-wide ice cream social and reception to honor the past four new member classes, coordinated by the Membership Committee and Deacons. *SIGN UP on our event page and through the Church Center app SIGNUPS.* 😊
- [Congregational Meeting](#) -- Following 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship July 30, there will be a brief Congregational Meeting to elect two (2) Deacons and one (1) Trustee. [See the Official Notice here ...](#)
- **NEW! Family Paintball (July 13) and Whitewater Rafting (Aug. 5)!** 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>.
- **EVENT:** Come help out at the **Children's Fresh Air Home on Thursday, August 17** from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from UrbanPromise and we will be serving them lunch, and helping with their day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) if you can help: 267-275-7582 cell/text.
- **Please submit 2023-24 event dates**, room requests, planning dates and meeting schedules to Jan or Alison in the church office by **August 1** for the church calendar and summer staff planning.
- 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](mailto:rts319@gmail.com).
- [Summer Reminders:](#) Summer 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.