



**Sunday, August 27, 2023** ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

**Welcome**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Song of Praise**

Worship Team

***Glorious Day***

**Wow Moments**

Rev. Spencer

**Song of Praise**

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***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)***

**Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Wes Allen

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Allen

**Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do Your will. This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.**

*Silence for personal confession*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Rev. Allen

The Lord will have mercy according to God's steadfast love, blotting out all transgressions. Know that we are loved and forgiven by God.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**Greeting**

Rev. Allen

## Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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## Way of the Week Video – Dr. Richard Herman

Rev. Spencer

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**17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.** Our church is for “real” people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don’t hide your struggles, failures or problems.

**Ideas for Action:** This week sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

## Offering Ourselves to God

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## Song of Praise

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### *Give Myself Away*

## Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

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## Sermon

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### *Once More*

Scripture Text: [Hosea 13:1-9](#)

Sermon Series: God’s Huge Heart

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

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**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 firstfruits of a new creation. We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in the world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. We are confident that the light, which shines in the present darkness, will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to You. Amen.**

## Closing Song

Worship Team

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### *Rest on Us*

## Work of God’s People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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## 10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Worship Team:</b>	Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Curtis Blain-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Winnie Jiang-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Martin Bass
<b>Live stream Technician:</b>	Matthew Miller
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop

<b>Usher:</b>	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Brian Catanella
<b>Check-in:</b>	Susan Shaffer
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Sue Piper, Gail Sorin and Jim Cole
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Nursery care** is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

**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.*

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

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** Fires continue to ravage Maui. To donate, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org>.

**Malawi Trekkers Mission Presentation:** Pastor Stuart Spencer and Jim Dugan recently returned from a mission trip to Malawi, Africa. Join Jim and Stuart to hear more about their trip and see their pictures and videos. The presentation is Wednesday, **August 30 at 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall (*also via Zoom*). Malawian desserts will be served.

**ALPHA** is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited for a conversation about faith, life and God. Each week's talk looks at a different question around faith. A new series of Wednesday evening sessions begins **Sept. 6**. [Sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app (Sign Ups).

Join the Prayer Committee for [Prayer on the Porch](#) at **7:00 p.m.** (*Sept. 7, 21*) for a time of prayer & fellowship on the Van Camp Porch. (*In the case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Lounge.*)

**Welcome Back Sunday – Sept. 10:** We will kick off our new fall schedule with one Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a Potluck Brunch afterwards in Fellowship Hall. If your last name begins with, please bring *A-F: casserole or egg dish; G-N: side dish; O-S: salad; T-Z: dessert.*

**Fall Prayer Retreat - October 17-20:** Pastor Spencer leads a study of prayer and meditative practices at Holy Cross Monastery (West Park, NY) using the study book "Centering Prayer: Sitting Quietly in God's Presence Can Change Your Life" by Brian D. Russell. [Online registration](#) is available now! Retreat cost is

\$305 with the study book and \$290 if purchasing the book on your own. *Limited spaces are available, and firm registration deadline is September 10.*

**New Worship Times:** Beginning September 17, our Sunday morning schedule will change. As recommended by the Worship Committee and approved by Session, the Traditional Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. The Contemporary Service will still be held at 11:00 a.m.

**Sermon on the Mount** – Fellowship Hall A: Starting on September 17, we will begin a new Adult Education class on the centerpiece of Jesus' teachings. In His sermon as recorded by Matthew in chapters 5-7 of his Gospel, Jesus reveals the principles of what true discipleship looks like. Please **Register** online for this class.

**PW:** A copy of the changed By-laws will be posted on the PW bulletin board in the hall by the kitchen. We will vote on the changes at our Fall Gathering, **September 18 at 7:00 PM.**

**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** – 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.