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Sunday, April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Welcome Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Grace Like Rain Reckless Love

Wow Moments Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week

Rev. Spencer

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation in person, if possible.

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Spencer

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace.

Welcome to this place of hope and healing.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved family.

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome just as we are. We are loved just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God together. People of God, let me remind you once more that Jesus Christ is risen!

The angels of God are rejoicing!

If you have forgotten, I tell you that Jesus Christ is risen!

The spirits of evil have fallen.

Never forget this wonderful news that Jesus Christ is risen!

The tomb is empty! Glory and power are Jesus's forever and ever. Amen.

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Spencer

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 103)

Rev. Spencer

O Holy God, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done,

we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own willful fault.

We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You.

Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. God will not constantly accuse us nor remain angry forever. God does not punish us for all our sins or deal harshly with us as we deserve. For His love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. God has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name.

*Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Offering Ourselves to God



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Song of Praise

Sermon

Worship Team

Rev. Spencer

Way Maker

Prayer: The Powerhouse Plug

Scripture Text: Acts 4:23-31

Sermon Series: Priorities of a Powerhouse People

Closing Song Worship Team

Indescribable

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Jeff German-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar;

Tony Saranchak-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Steve Drzaszcz, Michelle

Davis, Winnie Jiang-Vocals

Audio Technician: Joshua Leonard
Live Stream Technician: Matthew Miller
Visuals: Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers: Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Wendy Dougherty
Check-in: Mike McNeil
Hostess: Carol Wiggans
Nursery Caregiver: Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert R. Rorke by Lucy Rorke-Adams.

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

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist.



Thank You for your generosity to our <u>Capital Fund</u>! Contributions can still be made online or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes. See our <u>Church Center Event page</u> for more information.

<u>Centering Prayer Group</u>, Wednesdays: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The Group meets from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the Pastor's study.



73rd National Day of Prayer (May 2) – "Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World"

- PRAYER BREAKFAST: 7-8 am on Van Camp Porch. (If bad weather, meet in the Lounge.)
- **PRAYER GUIDE**: Use the Prayer Guide as an aid in your prayers. Download our Prayer Guide.
- WATCH ONLINE: Thursday Evening Prayer Service (live stream) 7:00-7:15 PM
- JOIN OUR 12-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: Sign up to PRAY for our church, the Church at large, our country, and the world. We hope to fill each 30-minute time slot with at least two names. Please sign up online... You may also call the church office at 856.235.1688 to leave a message for Pam Engle.
- **FASTING:** Join with others, including Pastor Spencer, to fast on this day as you are led.



Men's Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, May 4, 8:30-10:00 a.m.: The men of FPC Moorestown gather for a hearty breakfast followed by a presentation on Building a Prayer Life by Rev. John Doll. Rev. Doll is the Pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Cinnaminson. Breakfast and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m. We'll depart by 10:00 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 5, following the 9:00 Service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons, and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2024.

<u>Youth Choir Concert</u> – *Sunday, May 5, 7:00 PM*: Come support our young choir members (Junior Choir, Choristers, & Chapel Choir) as they perform many sacred selections from this year. They are also performing Pergolesi's "Magnificat", accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Orchestra.

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 7:00 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 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.