

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, June 27, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #4

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

- *We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1: 3, 4)*
- *When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. (Acts 11: 22, 23)*

Ideas for Action: Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Aria

Joel Krott, Organ

Callahan

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 95)

Stuart Spencer

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God with thanksgiving, and extol God with song and prayer!

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For the Lord is our God, our shepherd; we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit! Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Call to Confession

Peter Jonescu

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Peter Jonescu

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call to us, but we have refused to listen.

Instead, we walk away from your ways, from neighbors and family members in need, wrapped in our

own selfish concerns. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come again to us in mercy, we may find the strength and courage to turn back to you once again, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn back to God in hope, this is God's certain word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love — today, tomorrow and always. Amen

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Peter Jonescu

Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from your phone via the Church Center app.

Offertory Music

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Spiritual, Arr. Helgen

Soprano: Cali Barton, Juliet Barton, Lyla Bechtel, Caroline Corbin, Shannon King, Sarah Wantrobski

Alto: Ava Gandy-Callahan, Lauren Clark, Ava Eaise, Alivia Nawrocki, Ella Wantrobski

Baritone: Sam Elder, Ethan Gaskill, Robert King, Alex Perkowski, Harris Ransom, Sam Scheibe

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano; Soloist: Ava Gandy-Callahan

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. Singing glory halleluiah, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Singing glory halleluiah, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. Singing glory halleluiah, Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. Singing glory halleluiah, Jesus lifted me.

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"You Can't Thread the Needle"

Scripture Text: [Mark 10: 17-31 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

Music in Preparation for Service

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Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Johnson

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Stacy Schaffer
Ushers:	John Miller, Leonard Fitts, and Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Check-In Coordinator:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given by Barbara Lewis to the glory of God and to the life and works of the late Allen J. Lewis, her beloved husband.

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[Vacation Bible School "Rocky Railway": June 28th-July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.](#)
[See our event page](#) and website for specific ways you can P-R-A-Y-F-O-R-V-B-S.
It's going to be a fantastic week. THANK YOU to our adult volunteers, teen volunteers, office staff and property staff who are helping with this important community outreach. It's good to be back! Special kudos to VBS Director Holly Ascitutto, VBS intern Lauren Clark and their creative team.



[Deacons Toiletry Drive](#) -- Visit our [online event page](#) for information about the Deacons Toiletry Drive to support the Moorestown Ministerium. Continues through September.

The church campus will be CLOSED on **Monday, July 5** in observance of Independence Day.

Revised Protocols for Worship: At its stated meeting Tuesday, June 22, Session approved the following guidelines for our worship services and meeting:

- Effective Sunday, June 27, masks will be optional. Some people may decide to wear a mask for a number of reasons. As disciples, we honor and love one another without judgment. NOTE: These mask guidelines will *not* apply to participants of our Vacation Bible School. Children will need to mask next week because of mandates for day camps in the State of New Jersey.
- Starting Sunday, July 4th, our Independence Day, congregational singing will be permitted at both services. We'll start slowly, meaning that the congregation will sing a couple of times in each worship service. Beginning on June 27, singers at both services won't wear masks.

Check-Ins: Check-in has shifted to a **self-check in only** on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteers remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

DID YOU MISS the excellent PW Spring Gathering, featuring Dr. Jenny Legath on Monday, June 21? Or would you like to share this meaningful evening with a colleague? Watch the recording on our website at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream or our FPC Moorestown YouTube channel.

Outdoor Hymn Sings: Join your church family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises and offer our prayers. On the first Wednesday evening of July, August and September at 7:00 p.m. we'll meet in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. Our Hymn Sing includes lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests with prayer. If you've been vaccinated you need not wear a mask. However, we'll respect anyone who chooses to do so. In the event of rain, it will be held the following Wednesday. How wonderful to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing! **SAVE THE DATES: July 7, August 4, Sept. 1.**

July Book Club -- Join us on **FRIDAY, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.** for the Mission Book Club via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth. See our website for more information.

Discipleship Study (Sundays 9:45 a.m.) -- Join Pastor Stuart, Peter Jonescu and Rev. Paul Ascitutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class concludes on August 16th, and is offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) and visit www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Summer Reminders – Worship times for the summer are 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary. *Connections* prints every TWO weeks, the latest issue was June 20-July 3. There is no children's Sunday School in the summer.

