

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, July 25, 2021 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #8

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.

- *O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6: 8)*
- *Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. (1 John 3: 18)*

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

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kyrie, God the Everlasting Father

Kyrie, Christ the Comforter of the World

Kyrie, Holy Ghost

Joel Krott, Organ

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*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 90)

Stuart Spencer

Lord, through all the years and all the generations you have been our home!

Before the mountains were created, before you made the world, you are God, without beginning or end.

Seventy years are given to us! Some may even reach eighty. But even the best of these years are filled with pain and trouble, soon they disappear, and we are gone.

Teach us to make the most of our days so that we may grow in wisdom.

O Lord, come to us here and now. Satisfy us in the morning with your love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn No. 115

Fairest Lord Jesus

Volklieder

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be thine!

*Prayer of Adoration

Stuart Spencer

Call to Confession

Peter Jonescu

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Peter Jonescu

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

God, your Creator, Redeemer and Judge, brings us all new life. God forgives your sins and purchases your broken life.

With humble faith we take hold of this forgiveness, and live now the lives that Jesus calls us to live for him. Amen

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Peter Jonescu

Offertory

Peter Jonescu

Please continue your faithful giving in these summer months. Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to 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

The Call

R. Vaughn Williams

Alexandra Fields, Alto
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath;
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"Love on the Ground"

Scripture Text: [Mark 14: 1-11 \(NLT\)](#)

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*Hymn No. 555

More Love to Thee, O Christ

William H. Doane

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee: hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; how thee alone I seek, give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be; more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.

Through all that life may bring – joy, grief or pain, work out thy perfect plan: true heavenly gain;
Only create in me more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.

Music in Preparation for Service

Sarabanda from Phantasy for Strings

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

R. Vaughn Williams/Ley

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Martha Derry
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, John Miller, Leonard Fitts
Trustee Greeter:	Bill Conner
Check-In Coordinator:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Rumi Sinunu, in loving memory of Jack's brother Alex Sinunu.

[PO Box Address](#) -- Effective June 2021, post office regulations stipulate that mail must be addressed to our PO Box 868. The street address 101 Bridgeboro Road may also appear on the address, as this will be required for deliveries, event locations etc. Please list the PO Box address first.

[July Book Club](#) – Rescheduled for **MONDAY, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth. See our website/events for information and join us.

[Summer Offering Reminder](#) – Please remember to stay current with your pledge during the summer months, either through electronic giving or by mailing your check to the office.

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

[Outdoor Hymnsings](#): Join your church family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises on **August 4 and Sept. 1** at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. There will be lots of singing, and a time to share prayer requests. If you've been vaccinated you need not wear a mask. In the event of rain, it will be held in Miller Commons.

[The Engagement Project](#) – *Coming Sept. 15*: This 10-week study will meet Wednesday evenings at the church. When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us, as it did Isaiah. But it also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. After we engage, we seek to restore the Truth of God in all areas of life. Registration is OPEN. [Sign up online on our event page.](#)

[Revised Protocols for Worship](#): Session has revised guidelines for our worship services and meetings. Facemasks are now optional for those fully vaccinated and limited congregational singing has resumed. Singers at both services no longer need to wear masks. **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 check in on our phone when arriving OR watching the live stream.