



Sunday, May 15, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Plan a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

1,000 Names
Same God

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Holy God, hear our prayer. There is pain and there is sorrow; there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are the cause of those things. We have caused pain. We have broken the relationship. Sometimes we are simply a part of them – we are the ones who suffer; we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for Your forgiveness, and we ask for Your healing. Beyond that, we ask that You would help us turn from our former selves to the persons you have created us to be, full of mercy and grace and love. Through Christ, Who is our example, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the Good News: At some time, each one of us has been lost in many different ways. But now we are indeed found, and not simply found, but rejoiced over and cherished, and beloved. Your sins are forgiven; you have come home. So let us, with grateful hearts, say together as God's people:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Greeting

Sharing with Our Children

Rev. Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Allen

THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church this year. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry and allow us to support church operations and our work around the world. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too.

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Almighty

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Practicing Resurrection

Scripture Text: [Ephesians 2:1-10 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: The Master's Plan

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Worship Team

Set a Fire

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio:	Taylor Adair
Livestream:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry, Fran Green and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Matt La Grou and Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Check-in:	Sarah Harper
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

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

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

2022 Graduates: We recognized our graduates today in the 8:30 Service for Graduation Recognition Sunday.

ALPHA (*meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 3-4*): Invite friends from the community to this 10-week video discussion series. All are welcome: both believers and those seeking to know what Christianity is and what it believes. No book is required. [Sign up online.](#)

Couples' Night Out: **May 20 - 6:00-10:00 p.m.** at the historic Union League of Philadelphia. Cost per couple is \$325 (includes a four-course meal and guest speaker). Join us for a much-needed night out, connect with other couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. *Speaker information coming soon!*

On May 22, we will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, games, mingling, and a time to honor and thank the Teachers from this year. We will meet in the Sanctuary Courtyard (*weather permitting*) during the **Sunday School** hour (9:45-10:45). EVERYONE is welcome to join the fun!

Youth Choir Concert: **May 22, 7:00 p.m.** – Come out to support our Youth Choir who have worked so diligently this year under challenging restrictions. You will hear several selections of sacred and spiritual music.

The 67th Annual **Strawberry Festival** is back on **Friday, June 3!** The evening will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries and ice cream. Come and enjoy The Moorestown Community Band, The Trophy Wives Band, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY), and more. There are many opportunities to volunteer- sign-ups are in the Commons Lobby or use the Sign-up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry2>

Cakes: We need over 300 cakes to serve the community. Any flavor and size cake (cupcakes, too) are welcome. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many cakes we will have the day of. Sign-ups are in Commons Lobby and the big kitchen. **PRE-CUT YOUR CAKE PRIOR TO DROP-OFF**, if appropriate.

VBS Registration is OPEN! Children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to "Make Waves" at VBS **June 27-July 1 (9:00 am-Noon)**. [Sign up online.](#) See *Connections* for more details.

