



July 14, 2024 ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *please stand as you are able

Have you **checked in** for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you.

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #13: Open Doors for Others to Lead

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

Music in Preparation for Worship

From François Couperin's L'art de toucher le clavecin

Allemande

Couperin

Troisième Prélude

Couperin

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

*Call to Worship

Elder Jim Cole

Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us together,

To rejoice in who You are.

And delight in who we are because of You!

We stand amazed in Your presence,

Because, O Lord, You live your life in us! Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Cole

*Hymn No. 86

We Come, O Christ, to You

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Cole

Lord, you know us and where we miss the mark and sin. We reach out to you to cleanse us, to make us whole and prepare us to do the work you have for us. Come fill us with the Holy Spirit, strengthen us, through your word, love, and care, that we might be the ones to offer the cup of water, the bread, or the visit in your name, and we might bring love to those not loved, hope to those without hope and joy to those that feel downtrodden with rejection. We ask these requests in your name, the savior of us all Jesus Christ. Amen. *(written by Jim Cole)*

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession and surrender.)

Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

We will not doubt, but believe the Gospel: in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

Offertory



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Offertory Music

From François Couperin's L'art de toucher le clavecin

Sixième Prélude

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

Couperin

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“He Holds It All Together”

Scripture: Colossians 1: 15-23 (Pew Bible page 200 NT)

Sermon Series: Jesus at the Center

*Hymn No. 115

Fairest Lord Jesus

Music in Preparation for Service

From J.S. Bach's Kleine Präludien für Anfänger auf dem Klavier

No. 1 in C Major

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

J.S. Bach, BWV 933

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Jim Cole; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Karen Mason and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Dodimead; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Susan Horn; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Donna Leatherman or Leslie Spencer; **Coffee Hospitality:** Donna Leatherman and Leslie Spencer; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

[Work of God's People \(See Connections, eblast, website and Church Center app for details\)](#)

[Our Honduras Mission Trip team](#) is in Honduras July 9-14 for mission work: Jim Clinton, Margaret Dealy, Linda Jagiela and Philip Jagiela. [Follow along with the Daily Prayer Guide on our Church Center page and website.](#)

[Christmas in July](#) -- We will be celebrating Christmas in July by stuffing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our VBS children stuffed **35 boxes** as part of VBS mission! If you would like to sponsor a box by paying the \$10 shipping that would be a great blessing. Throughout July stop by Miller Commons lobby and pick up your shoebox to fill. All instructions are provided. Please have your boxes back by the end of July. We will store them until the November distribution. We will also have another opportunity in the fall to pack shoeboxes. OR you can also drop off the items we're collecting and we'll include them in our boxes in the fall. **See the list on our [Church Center event page.](#)**



NEW: [Prayer on the Porch](#), 2nd and 4th summer Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch with the Prayer Team. Share a summer evening with friends and pray together – with ice cream! **Next: Thursday, July 25.**



NEW: College Bible Study -- On Tuesday evenings this summer from June 11-August 20, college age young people are invited to a weekly Bible Study from 8-9 pm in the Lounge, led by Youth Director Dave Fauvell. Call/text Dave at (609) 980-7885. Explore the Bible with friends this summer.

NEW: Grades 7-12: Middle school and high school students are invited to “chill at church” summer Wednesday nights beginning June 26 (7-9 pm). We'll have food, crazy fun and get to know each other. Friends are always welcome. What's on your mind? Contact Youth Director [Dave Fauvell](#) at 609.980.7885 or find us on Instagram.

Join us for a family whitewater rafting adventure down the Lehigh River in PA on **Saturday, August 17**. No prior experience is necessary; minimum age: 8 years old. Bring the whole family and invite your friends for an unforgettable experience. [Sign up online.](#) Registration deadline: **July 28**. \$80 per person.



“Drop In and Discuss” -- Join us each Sunday morning this summer to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather in the Lounge from **10:15-11:15 am**. Get your coffee and drop in for ten minutes or for forty. Look for special Sundays, when someone will be on the “HOT SEAT”! No need to sign up, just stop on by.

[Crossing Zone Paint Wars](#) -- **Wednesday, July 24th** on the church grounds for an action-packed night of fun for current 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Wear clothes to get REALLY messy and bring a towel, plus something to protect your car on the ride home. Participants will only be permitted in the building to use a rest room. Event will be held weather permitting. **There is no cost but please sign up online** so we can accurately plan.

Double the Fun: We will be volunteering at the Children's Fresh Air Home in N. Wildwood for TWO days this year **Wed. Aug. 7** and **Thurs. Aug. 15** --- [learn more about this hands-on opportunity](#) to make a difference for Camden area youth to experience a day at the beach complete with BBQ.

Stop by the [Grace Boutique](#) (former Missionwares) and learn about items we're collecting for this new venture.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with our Olympic-themed Vacation Bible School “Race to the Finish!” It was a lesson-filled week in ministry and fun. **See this week's Connections for a complete list of all the super helpers!** And Save The Date for Vacation Bible School 2025: June 23-27, 2025.