



## July 21, 2024 ~ Ninth 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 #14: Grow Faith

**14. GROW FAITH.** Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

**Ideas for Action:** If you're not currently in a small group, contact the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

***Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice***

Elmore

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Paul Grossmann

O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory over sin, death, failure, and despair through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**If God be for us, who can be against us? There is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

So satisfy us with your love this morning, and we will live this day in joy and praise. To God be the glory!  
Let us worship God!

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

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## \*Hymn No. 612

### ***How Firm a Foundation***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Grossmann

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Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, with our words, by our actions, and even through our attitudes. We freely admit that we have not loved you. To be honest, we have hardly thought of you this week. Moreover, we haven't loved others, including our family members, friends, and members of this Church Family. You are full of mercy and kindness; so please forgive our sins and wash away all of our wrongs. We want to delight in your goodness and walk faithfully in your ways to the glory of the holy, powerful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

## Assurance of Pardon

May our merciful God grant unto us pardon and remission of our sins, a true turning away from our wrongs, changed lives, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**May we, with trusting hearts of faith, receive God's forgiveness and believe his good word. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

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## Offertory



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, especially in these critical summer months. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Take advantage of secure or donate easily from your phone via the Church Center app for your tithes, offerings and other fund contributions. If you're watching via live stream, you can give online right now as well! To mail offerings, send to P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

## Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Piano

### ***De Blin' Man Stood on de Road an' Cried***

Arr. Bruleigh

Juliet Barton, Soprano

O de blin. Man stood on de road an' cried  
Cryin' O my Lord, save me, de blin' mas stood on de road an' cried.  
Cryin' dat he might receib his sight  
Cryin' O my Lord, save me, de blin' mas stood on de road an' cried.  
Cryin' what kind ob shoes am dose you wear?  
Cryin' O my Lord, save me, de blin' mas stood on de road an' cried.

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Cryin' dese shoes I wear am de Gospel shoes.  
Cryin' O my Lord, save me, de blin' mas stood on de road an' cried.

## \*Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Kathryn Eagles

#### *"The Sheer Gift of Suffering"*

**Scripture:** Colossians 1: 24-2:5 (Pew Bible page 200 NT)

**Sermon Series:** Jesus at the Center

## \*Hymn No. 556

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### *Jesus Thy Boundless Love for Me*

### Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

#### *Now Flowering Time Has Come*

Swedish Folk Melody

## \*Benediction and Going Forth

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Rev. Kathryn Eagles

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**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God.

### Meet Rev. Kathryn Eagles

After serving the local church in a variety of capacities, Rev. Kathryn Eagles was ordained as a pastor in the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey in 2004, at the age of 57. She served four ABC churches, both in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, before retiring in 2023. Her most notable achievement is being Lorenzo's mom. She and her husband Loren live in Lumberton.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Matt Miller; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Joann Reynik; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** Vicki Terry; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Laurie LaMonica and Mike McNeil; **Trustee Greeter:** Pete Honeyford; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Ginny Powell; **Deacon Greeters:** Deacons Diane Samuel and Joshua Leonard; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Ginny and Tom Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tom Powell; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

## Check out Summer Opportunities for Young People

- **NEW: Grades 7-12:** Middle school and high school students are invited to "chill at church" summer Wednesday nights June 26-August 28 from 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.
- **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 if you're interested. Explore the Bible with friends this summer.

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

**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. 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](#)**, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Yes, there's room! 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.

**NOTICE:** *The main parking lot is scheduled to be resealed and relined the week of **August 5-9** (weather depending). There will be no parking in that lot the entire week. The handicapped lot and staff lot will be open. Your Capital Fund donations are hard at work!*



**"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 and incoming 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. Contact Linda Jagiela to participate.

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

**NEW: On Saturday, August 17**, our partners at the Society of St. Vincent DePaul are sponsoring a **[Drive-Through Food Drive](#)** in the parking lot of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, between 9:00-11:00 am. All collected food will be given to the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry on the campus of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church of Moorestown Food Pantry, and Bethel AME Church Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are appreciated. Monetary donations will also be accepted to benefit charities supported by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLGC. Simply place the donation in your car trunk, enter the parking lot, pop the trunk, someone will remove the donation and off you go! *OLGC is located at 42 W. Main St. in Moorestown.*

I Will Pray ... Registration is now OPEN for the **[Women's Half Day of Prayer](#)** – **Saturday, Aug. 24** (8:00 am).