

First UMC
A United Methodist Community
In Moorestown, New Jersey
*“A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions.”*

May 2, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

It is Well with My Soul

arr. Tonioli

***OPENING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

People: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

Leader: What joy we have in God's presence!

People: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

Leader: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER – O God of steadfast love, we thank you for the lessons of the past. We remember all that you have done for us; make us truly thankful. We remember times of joy and sorrow; may these experiences make us compassionate toward others. We share the memory of your people as they have journeyed through time; it is our story as well. May the richness of our past be the ground out of which love, hope, and faithfulness blossom; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help it at the dawn of the day.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth;

**who makes wars cease to the end of the earth, breaks the bow,
shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881**

The Apostles' Creed

***GLORIA PATRI 70**

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Ancient Words

DeShazo

CALL TO PRAYER DO NOT BE AFRAID

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Chosen and beloved, you are my own.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

HYMN

O Blessed Spring

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people ^[a] to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

MESSAGE

The Hour Has Come

Pastor Tom Korkuch

***MUSIC MINISTRY**

Gift of Love
Sharon Reeve, soloist

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET is given to the Glory of God and in appreciation for Pastor Tom's ministry at First Church with blessings for his ministry at Park UMC in Bloomfield, NJ.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: The family and friends of Mitzi Adamson who passed away and also to the family and friends of Bob Rodriguez who also passed away this week.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Steve Heller, Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother), Linda Wanagas' friend Bern and her father Thomas Alessio.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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