

SERMON NOTES



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 30, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Hymn of Solace

Turner

***OPENING HYMN 159**

Lift High the Cross

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: In a world filled with violence and war,

PEOPLE: we gather to celebrate the promise of peace.

LEADER: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

PEOPLE: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

LEADER: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

PEOPLE: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

LEADER: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

PEOPLE: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

OPENING PRAYER – Eternal God, turn and be gracious to us, for the road is long and we are weary. We feel beaten down by the trials of life and need your strength to sustain us. Show us your favor, and offer us your blessing, that we may abide in faithfulness and not be put to shame. Comfort us, O God, and revive our souls. Grant us the endurance to take up our cross, and follow the difficult roads in life. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING 761**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare;

and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

***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 The Shepherd Knows Your Name arr. Keveren
Adult Choir

CALL TO PRAYER Come and Fill Our Hearts *(Jacques Berthier)*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia! *(©1982, 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (France), GIA Pub., Inc).*

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Christ is the World's Light

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 2:7-11; 3:16-18 (NLT)

Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. ⁸ Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.

⁹ If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer,^[a] that person is still living in darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves a fellow believer^[b] is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

1 John 3:16-18 - ¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister^[a] in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

MESSAGE Maple Syrup Pastor Steve Donat

***CLOSING HYMN 714** I Know Whom I Have Believed

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***THE PEOPLE STAND**

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 HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: All the friends and family at First UMC, Moorestown to the glory of God and in honor of Deb Irwin who will be moving out of the area and for all her years of service to her church. We wish her well as she moves on to a new chapter in her life. We will miss you, Deb!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroaha, 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), Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother), Linda Wanagas' friend Bern and her father Thomas Alessio, Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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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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