

Order of Worship/Announcements  
Sunday, July 5, 2020

Prelude

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Welcome

Hymn 437 This is My Song (Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness) Kings Road Revival  
This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy  
shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.  
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Morning Prayer

Pastor Tom Korkuch

Special Music Whom Shall I Fear (Chris Tomlin, Ed & Scott) Kings Road Revival  
You hear me when I call. You are my morning song. Though darkness fills the night,  
it cannot hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet. You are my sword and shield,  
though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

Chorus: I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind:  
the God of Angel Armies is always by my side! The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine. The God of Angel Armies is always by my side.

My strength is in Your name, for you alone can save. You will deliver me. Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? Chorus

And nothing formed against me shall stand! You hold the whole world in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises; You are faithful, You are faithful. Nothing formed against me  
shall stand!

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are faithful, you are faithful. Chorus (©2012 Worship together Music)

Offering

Scripture

Matthew 10:24-31

Message

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Pastor Tom Korkuch

Closing Hymn 696 America the Beautiful (By Katharine Lee Bates)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law. (Public Domain )

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Marilyn MacRae, Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Barbara Engelbrecht, Sue Geissler (friend of Melissa O'Donnell), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk (husband of Kim), Mary Raroha, Jessica (niece of the Hoffners), Nancy (mother of Denise Gatton), Matthew Valentino (family friend of Tracey & Michael Gural), Dot Nemeth, Gloria-Jean Opperman, John & Catharine Carty, Sue Mitchell, Bob (friend of the Hoffners).

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Andrea Johnson and family on the death of his sister Priscilla Johnson. Also to Kathy & Jay Appleton and family on the death of her mother Rita Allen.

FOR MORE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH,  
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WHAT'S GOING ON....

(Please email the church office if you would like a church event posted to

[Joan@meetwithGod.com](mailto:Joan@meetwithGod.com))

REMINDER – If you have something to submit for the August edition of the Messenger, the deadline is July 10th. Please email your message to [Joan@meetwithGod.com](mailto:Joan@meetwithGod.com). Thank you!

STAY CONNECTED – Our virtual coffee hour continues to meet on Tuesdays at 2pm. For those who did not yet sign up for this, email Pastor Hey Young ([Heyyoung@meetwithGod.com](mailto:Heyyoung@meetwithGod.com)) for the invitation. Those who already sent her an email you do not need to ask for an invitation again, it will be sent out automatically.

“INVITATION TO PRAYER” – Every day at 8:46 AM and 8:46 PM through July 9th – The bishops of The United Methodist Church have called on all United Methodists to act now by using their voices, pens, feet and hearts to end racism and to take a stand against the oppression and injustice that are killing persons of color. All are asked to surround the issue in prayer at 8:45, both in the morning and at night, through July 9. It was 8 minutes and 46 seconds that it took George Floyd, an African American, to be killed on the streets of Minneapolis on May 25th.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GRIEVE ALONE. All of us grieve in our own way when we lose a loved one. Sometimes the simple act of meeting and talking with others in a comfortable and mutually supportive environment can be beneficial. The Samaritan Center for Grief Support and First UMC of Moorestown are offering Sharing in Grief & Hope Online Support Group. “Sharing in Grief & Hope” is a six-week support group for any adult who has lost a family member or friend. This group will explore the loss experience with focus on emotions, coping styles, family and cultural messages about grief and mourning, while being mindful of providing memorializing opportunities. This group will meet online on Wednesdays starting July 8 and run through August 12 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – Zoom Meeting. Registration is required at 856-596-8550 or [CFGcounseling@SamaritanNJ.org](mailto:CFGcounseling@SamaritanNJ.org) or Contact Pastor HeyYoung Horton at 856-235-0450.

COMING SOON – Are you fighting COVID 19 fatigue? Then take the FUMC blessings challenge! Be a blessing to a friend, neighbor, even a stranger, and show God's love through your actions. Up to 50 FUMC members will be given \$100.00 to develop and conduct an act of kindness in Jesus' name. We ask only that you share your story of blessing with our congregation in writing or video. More details are in the July Messenger. Please pray how you can be a blessing to someone in need.

FARM TO TABLE IN FUMC'S NEW GARDEN! – You can be part of this by claiming your own garden space or your own plot in the FUMC church garden. There are four garden plots now ready for your plantings for the summer months. Topsoil was donated by Leonberg Nursery and there is watering available. Get yourself 'grounded' by digging in the dirt to produce some good results. We can even help you donate your produce to local food banks. Please send an email to Kerry Mentzer, [kmentzer@me.com](mailto:kmentzer@me.com) or Lisa Kulp, [trklkk@comcast.net](mailto:trklkk@comcast.net) if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Do you have a few hours to spare and enjoy the outdoors? We are looking for additional volunteers to help with gardening on the church property. Traditionally

people have been gathering Tuesday morning however anytime you have available would be welcomed. Please contact Ellen Bleidorn at 856-278-7829 or [ebleidorn1@comcast.net](mailto:ebleidorn1@comcast.net) if you are interested.

“GIFTS AND TALENTS NEEDED” – Videographer. FUMC Communications Team is looking for people to assist in taking and editing videos and adding subtitles and/or music, for posting on our website, Facebook Page and other social media. Please contact Pattie Gritzan at [pgritzan2@verizon.net](mailto:pgritzan2@verizon.net) for more information.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Membership & Financial Secretary. We are seeking a Membership and Financial Secretary to provide church office and administrative support to our pastors and staff, coordinate church membership activities, and to assist the church Finance Committee in administering the day-to-day bookkeeping and payroll functions of the church. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please visit our website at [www.meetwithGod.com](http://www.meetwithGod.com) under “Employment Opportunity” for a description of the job and the qualifications necessary, and send a note of interest and resume to the First Church Staff-Parish Relations Committee at [sprc@meetwithGod.com](mailto:sprc@meetwithGod.com).

CONGRATULATIONS! Join us in congratulating Wendy Holden who has been installed as President of the Moorestown Rotary Club on June 25, 2020.

#### A NOTE FROM PASTOR TOM ON REOPENING OF THE CHURCH

Hello Friends:

As you may know, the Reopening Team has been meeting for several weeks now as we prepare for the future of worship and other gatherings at First Church. Initially, we had hoped to be opening sometime in July, however the results of the church-wide survey, as well as advice from some of our health professionals on the team and continued guidance from the annual conference, have convinced us that we need to remain cautious in our approach. Bishop John Schol has advised repeatedly that we should “go slow, so that in the future we may go fast,” and that under no circumstances should we put people at risk of contracting the corona virus. This

means that we currently have not set a fixed date for reopening the church as we take a “wait a see” approach. Many churches in our annual conference are doing the same, with several announcing that they are not opening until after Labor Day.

Given this reality, I have decided to hold two outdoor, “revival” type worship services – one in July and one in August – even as we continue to post worship movies on a weekly basis. These will take place on Sunday, July 19 and Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 AM on the church grounds while it is still relatively cool and the risk of thunderstorms is less than later in the day (exact location to be determined). Masks and social distancing will be required. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs to sit on as well. Umbrellas would also be advisable. If there is inclement weather, new dates will be announced. A simple order of worship for both dates will be sent to the congregation in advance.

If you feel comfortable coming to such an event, I do hope to see you all in attendance! In the meantime, continue to surround the ongoing situation in prayer as we journey through these critical summer months!

Grace, Peace & Stay Safe!

Pastor Tom