

**CLOSING SONG** WHOM SHALL I FEAR (Chris Tomlin, Ed & Scott Cash)

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!  
You hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful,  
You are faithful, you are faithful. *Chorus* (©2012 Worship together Music)

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Gina

**POSTLUDE** Whom Shall I Fear

**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 BOUQUETS ARE GIVEN BY:** Gail & Grant Moyer, to the Glory of God and in memory of father, Ernest Moyer. Also in appreciation and remembrance of the men who risked their lives by signing the Declaration of Independence allowing Americans the freedom we enjoy today. **FLOWERS ALSO GIVEN** to the Glory of God with a warm welcome to Pastors Hendrickson and Campbell. The First UMC congregation welcomes you both!

**THE ROSBUD ON THE ALTAR IS TO WELCOME:** Adelaide Maeve McConnell, born June 16, 2021 to Ryan and Danielle McConnell. The grateful grandparents are Rick & Madeline McConnell.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** 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), 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), Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller).

**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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**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."*

**JULY 4, 2021**                      **Holy Communion**                      **9:00 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**

Star Spangled Banner

**WELCOME**

Tricia Trout, Worship Leader

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today is a day of new beginnings! As a beloved community of faith, we enter a daring,  
Holy Spirit inspired adventure of possibility and service to our Lord.

**People: We will fear not! God's doing a new thing!**

Leader: Fireworks of celebration have been igniting throughout the weekend and culminate tonight as we remember who we are as a nation. Today, we too celebrate all we have accomplished up to this point and know that God has plans for us to ignite our hearts, our church, our community, and the world with love!

**People: We will fear not! God's doing a new thing!**

Leader: Let us worship our God of hope and possibility as we gather in person and virtually. Let us find our voices for justice, let us find our passion to serve and let us open our lives to receive the abundant blessings of God, then courageously release those same blessings to others!

**People: We will fear not! God's doing a new thing! Let us worship our living, renewing God!**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP: YOU ARE GOOD** (by Israel Houghton)

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever. Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever. People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation. We worship You. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. We worship You for who You are. We worship You. Hallelujah, Hallelujah we worship You for who You are. You are good. (Repeat from beginning)

You are good. All the time, all the time You are good; You are good all the time, all the time You are good; You are good. All the time, all the time You are good; You are good all the time, all the time You are good. (back to beginning) for who You are for who You are You are good. (©2001 Integrity's Praise! Music)

**IN JESUS' NAME** (Darlene Zschech, I. Houghton) (©Integrity's Praise! Music)

God is fighting for us; God is on our side; He has overcome, Yes; He has overcome.  
We will not be shaken, we will not be moved; Jesus, You are here. (repeat)

(vs. 2) Carrying our burdens, covering our shame, He has overcome, Yes; He has overcome.  
We will not be shaken, we will not be moved; Jesus You are here.

I will live, I will not die, the resurrection pow'r of Christ alive in me, and I am free in Jesus' Name. (vs. 2)

I will live, I will not die, the resurrection pow'r of Christ alive in me, and I am free in Jesus' Name.  
I will live, I will not die, I will declare and lift You high, Christ revealed and I am healed in Jesus' Name.

God is fighting for us, pushing back the darkness, lighting up the Kingdom that cannot be shaken;  
in the Name of Jesus, enemy's defeated, and we will shout it out, shout it out (4x)

I will live, I will not die, the resurrection pow'r of Christ alive in me, and I am free in Jesus' Name. I will live,  
I will not die, I will declare and lift You high, Christ revealed and I am healed in Jesus' Name, in Jesus' Name,  
in Jesus' Name.

**OPENING PRAYER - Lord God Almighty, we praise you for who you are and what you have done. You are the Creator: keep forming and shaping us as your disciples. You are the Healer: bring healing in our hearts and in our world. You are our Righteousness: bring transformation in this place. You are the Provider: increase our trust in you. You are the God who is with us. Let us enter your presence with joy and gratitude. You are the God of Peace. Bring comfort in our chaos and time of change and transition. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP SOVEREIGN OVER US** *(by Aaron Keyes)*

There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears  
You meet us in our mourning, with a love that casts out fear.  
You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us when beyond our understanding,  
You're teaching us to trust.  
*Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You have not forgotten us, You're with us in the fire and the flood. Faithful forever, perfect in love You are sovereign over us.*

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand your ways. Reigning high above the heavens,  
reaching down in endless grace. You're the Lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind,  
You surround and You uphold me, Your promises are my delight.  
Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good. You turn it for our good and for your glory.  
Even in the valley You are faithful You're working for our good,  
You're working for our good and for your glory. *((c) 2011 Thankyou Music)*

**YOUR PRESENCE IS HEAVEN** *(by Israel & New Band) (©2011 Integrity's Praise)*

Who is like You Lord in all the earth? Matchless love and beauty, endless worth.  
Nothing in this world can satisfy 'cause Jesus You're the cup that won't run dry.  
Your presence is heaven to me. Your presence is heaven to me.

Treasure of my heart and of my soul in my weakness you are merciful.  
Redeemer of my past and present wrongs holder of my future days to come.  
Your presence is heaven to me. Your presence is heaven to me.

All my days on earth I will await the moment that I see You face to face.  
Nothing in this world can satisfy 'cause Jesus You're the cup that won't run dry.  
Your presence is heaven to me. Your presence is heaven to me. Oh Jesus,  
Oh Jesus Your presence is heaven to me. Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus Your presence is heaven to me.

**TIME OF SHARING WITH THE PASTORS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE CARES CHORUS** *(by Kelly Willard)*

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet;  
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You. *(1978 Maranatha! Music)*

**CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY** – We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the green colored Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have and place in the offering baskets located at the entry points of the sanctuary or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 43:1-3a; 18-19a

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**MESSAGE:**

Fear Not! God's Doing a New Thing!

Pastor Gina

**INVITATION HOLY COMMUNION**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

May the God of all new things be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts to the one who leads us into the future.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

May our hearts overflow with praise to God.

**May joy and love fill our words and actions.**

You, Creating God, made a path through the emptiness of chaos, sending creation to spring forth as  
grass carpeted empty fields, trees stretched their branches to the sun,  
animals curled up by cool pools of water. You even shaped us for life with you,  
so we might share in this beauty and goodness,  
but we threw aside all these gifts in order to know sin and death.  
You sent prophets to us, who encouraged us to let go of the past and to return to your side,  
but we didn't care about their words, thinking such a life to be too costly.  
So you sent Jesus to us, so we might fear not and be restored to you.

So with those who long to know you, with those who run to be with you,  
we offer our songs of thanksgiving:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of new beginnings. All creation honors you with praise and joy. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to take hold of us. Hosanna in the highest!**

Though you are holy, God of renewal, you were willing to set aside all we had done,  
so that Jesus might anoint us with new life.  
He could have clung to his glory, but set it aside to become one of us;  
he could have been surrounded by your love, but walked into the forest of our fears,  
to make a way out for us; he could have avoided pain and suffering,  
but went into sin's cold embrace, to bring back death's captives,  
his tears sowing the seeds of hope and new possibilities which brought forth a bouquet of grace.

As we long to want to know Jesus more, as we seek to be restored to life by you,  
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**In faith, we fear not. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Lord God, pour out your Holy Spirit on those gathered here physically and online.  
We pray that through the Spirit you would anoint these gifts of bread and cup.  
When we take the bread which has been broken and eat of it,  
we forget about our past and embrace your kingdom.  
When we drink from the cup, the fragrance of your grace fills us to go and serve your people.  
Sustained and empowered by the Sacrament we claim the prophet Isaiah's words "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth".

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.  
Until Christ comes in final victory and we all join our hands around your heavenly banquet.

We pray all this in the name of Christ who taught us to pray...Lord's Prayer

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**