

**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 BY:** Madison, Hunter and Ryder Kent in memory of our much loved Great Uncle Grant Moyer.  
**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:** The Moyer Family on the death of Grant Moyer, Doug Hamilton and family on the death of his father, Hugh Hamilton, Judi Angelow on the death of her father Bob.  
**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), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Sheryl Moon (former South Valley Elementary School teacher).

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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**

**<https://www.instagram.com/fumc.moorestown>      <https://www.facebook.com/fumcmoorestown>**



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with a hurting world through words and actions."*

**AUGUST 29, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**

Great and Mighty Is He

**WELCOME**

Worship Leader, Tricia Trout

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tricia Trout

L: Rejoice, God is with us!

**P: Praise be to God who leads us each and every day.**

L: God leads us into worship to strengthen our spirits.

**P: God leads us into service that will offer peace and hope to others.**

L: Praise be to God!

**P: Praise be to God! AMEN.**

**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP**

Worship the Lord

How Great Is Your Love

Let the Heavens Rejoice

**OPENING PRAYER**

Tricia Trout

**O God, You are our guide and help in every time and place. Just as Esther prayed faithfully and worked courageously for the deliverance of your people, strengthen us to confront the oppressor and free the oppressed, so that all people may know the justice and unity of your realm. Through the Holy Spirit use our gifts to serve you in such a time as this. Amen.**

**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP**

The Spirit and the Bride

Open the Eyes of My Heart

**YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME**

*Kids of all ages are invited forward for a fun learning time in person & virtually.*

## **CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering baskets located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

## **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

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

Times of Refreshing

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Esther 4:10-17 & 7:2-4**

<sup>10</sup> Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, <sup>11</sup> “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.” <sup>12</sup> When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup> Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” <sup>15</sup> Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.” <sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

<sup>2</sup> On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” <sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. <sup>4</sup> For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.”

## **MESSAGE:**

**Speaking Truth – Esther**

Rev. Jessica Campbell

## **\*CLOSING SONG**

May the Words of My Mouth

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*POSTLUDE**

**\*THE PEOPLE STAND**

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**Notes from the Service**