

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 ROSEBUDS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO WELCOME: Lucas Stephen Jenkins, born September 3, 2021 to Bethany and Brian Jenkins. The grateful grandparents are Steve and Deb Feerrar. Also, Peter Richard Ridings born September 8, 2021 to Ben and Rebecca Ridings. The grateful grandparents are Rev. Richard and Rev. Gina Hendrickson.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot 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), 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

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IN MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions."*



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Cornerstone

WELCOME

Tricia Trout, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tricia Trout

Leader: Wherever you have been, whatever you have done -

All: Welcome home.

Leader: However you worship – online or in-person, contemporary or traditional -

All: Welcome home.

Leader: Here is a story to change your life.

All: Here is a song to warm your heart.

Leader: Here are friends with whom to laugh and cry.

All: Here is a Spirit that fills us with hope and love.

Leader: Wherever you have been,

All: Welcome home to this family of faith in Christ.

SONGS OF WORSHIP:

I Will Celebrate

Beautiful Jesus

Righteousness, Peace, and Joy

OPENING PRAYER

O God, our lives reach out in ever-widening circles; bless us in each one of them. Bless us in our homes and help us to remember all that we owe to them. Bless us in the place where we work and help us to be fruitful and productive in anything we do or make. Bless us in our schools as we learn and grow as students. Bless us in our towns and help us to put as much and more into the life of the community as we take out. Bless us in our church as we worship with hope and with gladness to serve the church with whatever gifts we have. Bless us in the world and let us pray to bind the nations together in peace. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME

*Kids of all ages are invited forward for a fun learning time in person & virtually.
Afterwards the children will be dismissed for Sunday School.*

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Gather Us In
Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-7

Tricia Trout

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah.

They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

Pastor Jess

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

Pastor Gina

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

More Precious Than Silver

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:8-17

Pastor Jess

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying?"

No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me."

Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

MESSAGE:

Daring Greatly: Ruth-Standing at the Crossroad

Pastor Gina

CLOSING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**