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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship**

**11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship**

Services are held in our Sanctuary and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



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**LOVE GOD ~ REACH PEOPLE ~ SERVE ALL**

March 2, 2025 **Holy Communion Sunday** 11am

**PRELUDE** Thou Shalt Bring Them In Handel

**WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson

**\*HYMN # 732** Come, We That Love the Lord

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Jeremiah Appleton

God gives each of us a purpose.

**God gives us all a purpose.**

Sometimes living with purpose looks bright and cheerful.

**Sometimes living with purpose challenges and pushes us.**

God gives each of us a calling that leads us along the way.

**God gives us all a calling that we must discover and live into.**

We worship Jesus whose own purpose led to the cross – and beyond!

**And today, we follow the Spirit who leads us through obstacles to a life of love and service.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Jeremiah

God, we sometimes think that the goal of life is happiness. You show us that true flourishing is so much bigger than that. Help us, today, to trust that in living out your purposes for us, we will experience true joy and fulfilment. Help us to know, deep in our souls, that we have a part to play in your vision for all of humanity and creation. Forgive us when we get it wrong, turn away from you and harm others. In Jesus' name we pray for grace and mercy. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Jeremiah

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 # 503**

Let It Breathe on Me

**CELEBRATING OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

Jeremiah

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. Please fill out an attendance card as well as prayer concerns (on the back of the attendance card) at this time.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

Jeremiah

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering in the plate as the ushers pass it to you. Gifts can also be given online and prayers can be emailed to church@fmcmoorestown.com.

**OFFERTORY**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

FMC Choir

**HYMN # 593**

Here I Am, Lord

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 6:1-7 (NRSVUE)

Rev. Diane Dyson

**MESSAGE**

Can Purpose Make You Happy?

Pastor Diane

**HOLY COMMUNION & WORDS OF INVITATION**

Pastors Gina &amp; Diane

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who turn away from sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us silently confess our sins before God and one another. (*Silent Prayer*) Trust & believe that in the name of Jesus you & I are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & BREAKING THE BREAD****RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*Communion will be celebrated at the front where you may take the cut bread and filled cup OR use individually wrapped elements that include gluten-free options. As the Spirit leads, come forward to be in prayer and receive the elements. If you wish to remain seated, please raise your hand and an usher will bring you individually wrapped elements.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC****PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

Pastor Diane

**\*HYMN # 2129**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Diane

**\*POSTLUDE****\*THE PEOPLE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**