

**East Camden Pastoral Charge
Moscow & Riverside United Churches**

**Rev. Phil Wilson – Minister
Elaine Williams – Riverside Organist
Charlie Pritchard – Moscow Organist**

September 23 – Eighteenth after Pentecost
‡ ‡ Please stand if able

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Musical Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Calls for Community

Statement of our Faith – A New Creed VU 918

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer:

Call of Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

O God,

we live our lives as best we can—

dealing with difficult relationships and situations,

putting failures and disappointments behind us,

and moving into each new day

with as much energy, goodwill,

and optimism as we can muster.

**But here, right now,
we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.**

Forgive us for not asking for your insight.

**Fill us with your wisdom,
that we may live lives
of goodness and peace. Amen.**

(Moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace:

† † **Hymn:** #410, “This Day God Gives Me”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 1 (#724)

Blessed are those who follow God’s law.

James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8

Wisdom from above is gentle and peaceable.

Reflect & Connect: When have you recently experienced what you’d describe as a spirit of wisdom? (Jas 3:13)

Mark 9:30-37

Whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me.

Reflect & Connect: If Jesus were leading the new member orientation in your congregation, what points would he stress? (Mark 9:30)

(Reflect & Connect sourced from Working Preacher – this week written by Rod Boriack)

‡ ‡ **Hymn:** #379, “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

Sermon

Ministry of Music

Minute for Mission: “Advocacy in Action”

Invitation to Give:

‡ ‡ **Hymn of Dedication:** MV #191, “What Can I Do?”

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:

You are the generous one,
full of mercy
and goodness for your creation.

**Send your wisdom with these gifts,
that they may reach those
who need your love and welcome.
Bring about a harvest of goodness
through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Concluding the prayer with singing #960, The Lord’s Prayer)

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

‡ ‡ **Hymn:** #242, “Let All Things Now Living”

Sending Forth:

We are planted by the streams of God’s wisdom.

**We meditate on the desires of God,
taking delight in the laws of God.**

Sink your roots deep into the soil,
and draw on God’s wisdom.

For God will nourish us every day with insight.

Go forth, knowing that God watches over you.

‡ ‡ **Choral Response:** #964, “Go Now in Peace”

***Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen***

(Today's prayers sourced or adapted from Ministry Matters and Feasting on the Word – Liturgies for Year B Vol 2)

Readings for Sunday Sept 30:

Psalm 124 (VU p. 848)

If God had not been at our side.

James 5:13–20

The sick should be anointed by the elders.

Reflect & Connect: How do you care for the dizzying array of human problems and needs in your congregation and community? (Jas 5:13)

Mark 9:38–50

If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.

Reflect & Connect: What have you learned from Jesus about being at peace with others, especially those who set us on edge? (Mark 9:38)

(Reflect & Connect sourced from Working Preacher – this week written by Rod Boriack)

Household Prayer: Evening

As this day ends,
I hope I have done my work
with a gentleness born out of your wisdom.

Thank you, triune God,
for the rest that you will provide
and for the strength for a new morning. Amen.

(From Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion Year B)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister's email: rev.philwilson@yahoo.com phone: 613.377.6406

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Do you have an announcement? Email Darcie with the subject "Bulletin Announcement", or drop it in her mail box at 451 Huffman Road by **noon Wednesday** to be included in that week's bulletin.

Rev. Phil is available for **pastoral care**. Please call Phil at **613-377-6406** (please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner) or email **rev.philwilson@yahoo.com**. Please call Phil if you know of a person in need. Phil would rather receive three calls about the same person than risk having someone's needs missed.

Book Club meets, Tuesday, September 25, 7pm at Bernie Walker's home, 5136 German Rd. We will be discussing *The Break* by Katherena Vermette.

Thursday, September 27. L&A Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) will host a **Social Diner** at Moscow Friends Meeting House, 20 Huffman Rd, 12 to 1:30pm. Enjoy lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Entertainment by County Fair featuring Jim Heney, Fiddler and Gene Richard, Singer/Guitarist. Cost is \$12 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 613-354-6668, ext. 0 by Sept 24. Wheelchair accessible.

Rev. Phil will be running a **weekly study group** entitled "**What's so Amazing about Grace?**" by Philip Yancey.

This program includes participation notes/questions and a short video component to guide participants. During each gathering we will watch a short video, have an opportunity to discuss the guiding questions and reflect on scripture. Each weekly gathering will be 90 minutes or less (depending on discussion).

Two sessions will be offered:

Wednesday (10-11:30) at Moscow United Church

Starting October 3 ending November 28. This is 7 weeks in total as we will not meet on Oct 17 or 31.

Please let Phil know if you are interested in this study opportunity.

Phil has setup a '**virtual study group**' on Facebook for anyone who wishes to participate.

The premise is the same, a short video to be viewed and prompting questions for discussion. The benefit to this concept is that this program can be done from

the comfort of your home, on your own schedule!

All discussions are optional which means it can be your own private study. It will be a closed group, only those in the group will see the discussion. If this is of interest and you have Facebook, let Phil know so he can invite you to the group. **Startup will be the week of Oct 3.**
