World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

9:30 a.m. at First UMC 11:00 a.m. at Old First UMC

*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.

Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison. **Hymnals: UMH is Red or Purple-TFWS is Black-W&S is Green**Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

Our World Communion altar has communion sets, called chalices (cups) and patens (plates), and cloths from around the globe. Today you see fabric from Uganda and communion sets from Haiti (wooden set), Mexico (tan set with blue flowers), Italy (ornate blue and gold from the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Asheville, NC (red set), Jerusalem (silver set), El Salvador (large covered wooden chalice), Croatia (strawberry set), and Tabgha: northern area of the Sea of Galilee (mosaic looking set from the place believed to be where Jesus performed the miracle of the loaves and the fishes).

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Voluntary in A Minor (9:30)

Sovice

As you settle into the sanctuary, please open your phone and share the live service from your Facebook page as a way of inviting the larger community to worship.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to fill out the "Fellowship Pads" located in the pews at the center aisle. Be sure to note the church family worshipping in the row with you.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (9:30) More Like You TFWS 2167

More like you, Jesus, more like you.

Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you. More like you, Jesus, more like you.

Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We stand before you, God, with ready arms reaching for you.

We bow before you, God, with humbled hearts seeking you.

We sing before you, God, with glad voices raised to meet you.

We kneel before you, God, with open souls lifted to greet you.

God, in your glory, you have graciously reached for us.

We gather this day, with open arms reaching for you.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,

"Peace be with you."

You are invited to respond by saying, "And also with you."

*HYMN OF PRAISE Come, and

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join

UMH 699

CENTERING PRAYER

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit

One in mission

in union and communion with each other and with God.

Lord, on this World Communion Sunday,

give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with enough space for us all! Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35-40

Pew Bible NT 98

For the Word of God in Scripture For the Word of God among us For the Word of God within us

Thanks be to God

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Juel Nelson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

At the **9:30** service, you are invited to name your prayers for the congregation. After each prayer request, the congregation will respond...

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS FOR All GOD'S BELOVED PEOPLE

ANTHEM (9:30)

In Remembrance of Me

Red

Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TFWS 2257

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

TFWS 2257-b TFWS 2257-c

CONSECRATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

GREAT AMEN

TFWS 2257-d

GREAT AIVIEN

TFWS 225

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

Come and be filled with the body and blood of Christ, knowing you are beloved and rooted in that love as you go forth to love all God's children. We will serve by **intinction.** You are invited to come by the center aisle, receive a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Return to your seats by the side aisles. The chancel rail is always available if you would like to take some time to pray. You are invited to reflect in song as all are being served. There is gluten free bread and juice available at our 9:30 a.m. service.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine Time Now to Gather TFWS 2266

TFWS 2265

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have revealed yourself to us. Now nourished at your table and strengthened by your Spirit, may we go into the world and offer your love and presence along our way in your name. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

UMH94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God we give thanks for your love and outreached arms, for your love endures forever. May this offering from your abundance in our lives be a sign of your radical love for your church and the world. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Go Forth for God

UMH 670

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Christ Beside Me

TFWS 2166, vs. 2

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.

*POSTLUDE

Lento **(9:30)**

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Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

An Adult Study is offered in FUMCO's Wesley Hall at 11:00 a.m.,

located on the lower level of the building.

Our Service Of Worship Has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service Begins.

ALTAR FLOWERS AT FUMCO

Given in loving memory of Woody Matthews by Arlene & Buster Stoll. Given in loving memory of Marie Meadows by her daughter, Sharron.

A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Juel Nelson for leading us in worship and meditation on this World Communion Sunday. Rev. Nelson is the Director of Clergy Leadership Development for our Greater NJ Annual Conference. Juel designs and oversees leadership programming so that clergy and laity are resourced in such areas as spiritual servant leadership, emotional intelligence, change management, cultural competency, and church vitality. Juel encourages leaders to live into God's greater vision.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining together with us, where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AT FUMCO

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly, with our streaming team, in the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available for the comfort of parent and baby, in Blair Chapel, behind the pews.
- To access the **restrooms**, please exit the side door to the right of the lectern/chancel area. In the hall, make a left into Fellowship Hall and follow the signs.
- There are **infant changing tables** available in the restrooms.

The United Methodist Church is a Global and Connectional Church which welcomes and invites the church communities to share resources and ministries. The First UMC of Oakhurst and Old First UMC have been linked with the invisible thread of heritage and now by their pastor, Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith. All are invited to share in all our joint ministries, missions and prayers shared in this bulletin.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAMS THIS MORNING

Greeter/Usher at 9:30: Greg Scott, Robert Scott/Pamela Lynch

Acolyte at 9:30: Ashley Bailey Lay Reader at 9:30: Joy More Lay Reader at 11:00: Bill Tompkins

Counters at 9:30: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra

Counter at 11:00: Donna Ahrens

Fellowship Hosts at 9:30: Randy Danielson, Ron Danielson

This Week We Hold in Prayer...



The UM Church, our Bishop: Cynthia Moore KoiKoi, our Church leadership & ministry, our friends, neighbors, community, world, & all God's children.

COMFORT & HEALING: Avery Fallon, her parents, Tom & Katie and her grandparents, Barbara & Len Gruezke, Bill Strong, Kristine and family, the Steneck family, the Debruin family, George Eitel, Don Whittaker, Ed Ahrens, Terry Frazier, June Holder, Debbie, Arlene Shaw, Rose Byrne, Jackie Gilman, Ed Foran, Charles, Ginny, & Vicky

OUR HOMEBOUND: David Miller, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

SUNNYSIDE AT WALL: Nancy Burtt

- **FUMCO has a team of prayer warriors, known as the Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer need, please contact the FUMCO office.
- **If you know someone who is in need of pastoral care, please contact our pastor, Jill Hubbard-Smith 732-209-4563 or revimhs@gmail.com.

Please Join Us in Mission and Ministry

where together we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.	
FUMCO: First UMC at 103 Monmouth Rd.	Old First UMC: 197 Locust Ave
Today	
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m. FUMCO
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m. FUMCO
Service of Worship in Person & Posted	11 a.m. Old First
Monday, October 6	
AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m. FUMCO
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m. FUMCO
12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m. FUMCO
Tuesday, October 7	
Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m. FUMCO
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11 a.m. FUMCO
Scouts – Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m. FUMCO
Wednesday, October 8	
AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m. FUMCO
Thursday, October 9	
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m. FUMCO
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m. FUMCO
Friday, October 10	
AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m. FUMCO
Sunday, October 12	

9:30 a.m. FUMCO

10:30 a.m. FUMCO

11 a.m. Old First

11 a.m. FUMCO

1:30 p.m. FUMCO

Service of Worship in Person & Online

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Blessing of the Animals - Field



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...is a community of faith committed to Christ, seeking to learn the needs of others and responding with Christian love.

9:30 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning in Person & Streaming

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Pastor: Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith Secretary: Joy More **Director of Music:** Denise Furda Sexton: Lisa Costello

Streaming Team: Chip Stoll, Rob Crowther, Johnny Tocci

Director of Wesley Nursery School: Noel Worthington Music Director Emeritus: Gary Farquhar



11:00 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning in Person & Posted to Facebook

> **197 Locust Avenue** West Long Branch, NJ 07764 office@oldfirstumchurch.org

Pastor: Rev. Jill Marie Hubbard-Smith **Music Director:** George Murphy **Sexton:** Bill Strong **Administrative Assistant:** Donna Ahrens

Streaming Team: Alex Eckert & Justin Wortmann