

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *O My Father*(9:30) arr. Clark
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 *Psalms 24* UMH 755

*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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH 462

CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious and merciful God, we, your children, gather this day to offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the ways you continue to bless us, even when we turn from you. We acknowledge that we are poor in spirit, clinging too long to this world. Encourage us, empower us, enable us to cling to you. Cleanse our hearts, O God, renew right spirits within us that we might be open to your blessings. Breathe into us your Holy Spirit in order that we might be made pure and blameless in your sight. Bless us, O God, this and every day in order that we can be a blessing to others. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:30) *Always in the Darkness* arr. Buda
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON *John 13:3-11* Pew Bible NT 107

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

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:8* Pew Bible NT 4

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Blest Are They* TFWS 2155, vs.3

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

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 LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC (9:30) *How Can I Keep From Singing* Tomlin
Joy More, Soloist

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS UMH 94

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

Generous Lord, with humility we lay our offerings before you,

acknowledging that all we have is yours. As we bring our open

hearts and the work of our hands for your blessing, we thank

you for the privilege of partnering with you in ministry, sharing

your love, and meeting the needs of your global family.

May all we share and do glorify you, O Lord. Amen

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *In Christ Alone* TFWS 3105

*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 *Hornpipe (9:30)* Wesley

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 Pat Whitney's birthday by Robin & Tommy.

Given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Deanna & George Robson by Arlene & Buster Stoll.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-FUMCO

CROP Walk-Sunday, October 19th. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker, see Jeff Danielson at fellowship time for information.

Mission Trip-a group of volunteers is traveling to WV on January 24th, returning on January 31st. No skills are needed. You can cook, listen, run errands, or do some construction work if possible. Contact Robyn Korsen, robynpt21 @comcast.net for information. (FUMCO & Old First)

Chairs-if you would like to have padded chairs that were once used in the chapels, they are up for grabs. Please call the church office to set up a time for you to take them.

Little Free Pantry-Please continue to support this church mission project. A good idea for this week is yellow rice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-OLD FIRST

Men's Emmaus Walk-October 16-19.

Free Community Dinner-Join Old First and FUMCO at FUMCO at 5:00 for a free spaghetti dinner of salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs and/or sausage, and dessert. Please invite someone to come with you.

Women's Emmaus Walk-October 23-26.

This Week We Hold in Prayer...



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

COMFORT & HEALING: Avery Fallon, her parents, Tom & Katie and her grandparents, Barbara & Len Gruezke, Meg Macan, Bill Strong who is recuperating at home, Kristine and family on George's passing, the Steneck family on Lynn's passing, the Debruin family on Ruth's passing, George Eitel (Diane Eitel-Wortman's dad), Don Whittaker (Peter Wortman's co-worker struggling with health issues), Ed Ahrens as he continue to recuperate, Terry Frazier as she continues to build strength after a successful surgery, June Holder, Debbie (Bette Dibling's friend), Arlene Shaw (Tammy's aunt), Rose Byrne, Jackie Gilman, Ed Foran, George Murphy's brother Charles, Ginny & Vicky (Tammy's cousins)

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

SUNNYSIDE AT WALL: Nancy Burt

**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 revjmhs@gmail.com.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAMS THIS MORNING

Greeter/Usher at 9:30: Jeff Ragle/Chip Stoll

Acolyte at 9:30: Faye Snorton

Lay Reader at 9:30: Nicola Mulligan

Lay Reader at 11:00:

Counters at 9:30: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Counter at 11:00: Donna Ahrens

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
Blessing of the Animals – Field	1:30 p.m. FUMCO

Monday, October 13

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 14

Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m., FUMCO
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11 a.m. FUMCO
Brownies – Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m. FUMCO
Scouts – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m. FUMCO
Lydia Circle Meeting – Wesley Hall	7 p.m. FUMCO

Wednesday, October 15

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m. FUMCO
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Thursday, October 16

Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m. FUMCO
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m. FUMCO
OA – Wesley Hall	6:30 p.m. FUMCO

Friday, October 17

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m., FUMCO
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Sunday, October 19

Service of Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m. FUMCO
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m. FUMCO
Service of Worship In Person & Posted	11 a.m. Old First
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m. FUMCO
CROP Walk – Red Bank	FUMCO & Old First
Free Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m. FUMCO



First UMC of Oakhurst

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

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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

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

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