

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*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 (9:30 a.m.)

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

Our altar reflects 3 themes of love. Eros, romantic love, is represented by wedding rings. Phileo, brotherly love, represented by an offering plate, shows our church is in ministry to our brothers and sisters around the world. Agape, unconditional love and sacrifice, is represented by the cross.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (9:30 a.m.)

I Love You, Lord

TFWS 2068

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us gather in the presence of God.

In God's presence we find the community we seek.

Come as a family of God's people to sing praises and lift prayers.

**Our voices shout out our praise to God, and our thankfulness
of being part of this community of friends and family.**

God's Spirit of love and grace is among us!

Amen! Let us worship God!

*SHARING THE LOVE OF THE CHRIST

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

"May the warmth of Christ's love be with you"

You are invited to respond by saying,

"And also, with you"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Great Is the Lord (9:30 a.m.) TFWS 2022
How Great Thou Art (11:00 a.m.)

CENTERING PRAYER

**Creating and Sustaining God, your great commandment in Christ is
that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that
we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you
would unite. We exclude where you would embrace. Forgive our
hardness of heart. Mend our broken human family. Breathe into us
the living Word of all-inclusive love. We ask in the name of your
Child, our Brother, Jesus, the Healer of our Souls. Amen.**

ANTHEM (9:30 a.m.)

Make Us One
Chancel Choir

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*POSTLUDE

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.

For Your Information

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly with our streaming team, at 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.
- There are **large print hymnals** available. Please ask the usher.



This Week We Hold in Prayer...

Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert

Our Homebound: Bev Itell, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat,

Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

JSUMC: Jim Starkey

At home: Peg Kuchen, Avery Fallon

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

Sunnyside Manor: Nancy Burtt

**The church has a team of prayers, known as the Prayer Chain.

If you have a prayer need, please contact the office.

**If you know someone who is in need of pastoral care, please contact Jill Hubbard-Smith 732-209-4563 or revjmhs@gmail.com.

Our Leadership Team This Morning

Acolyte: Kitty Amato

Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Fellowship Host: Meg Macan

Greeter: Melody Ragle

Lay Reader: Ruth Scheckler

Usher: Ron Danielson

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of Tom Maher by Diane.

Given by Susan McRae in honor of Samantha & Sean McRae's February birthdays.

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 us, where we help one another grow in faith, love, and service.

Please Join Us in Mission and Ministry

...where together we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

TODAY:

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| Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall | 10:30 a.m. |
| Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall | 11 a.m. |
| Worship In Person | 11 a.m. (Old First) |

Monday, February 9

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| AA – Wesley Hall | 7:30 a.m. |
| Alanon – Wesley Hall | 10 a.m. |

Tuesday, February 10

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| Women's Covenant Group – Library | 8:30 a.m. |
| Naranon – Wesley Hall | 11 a.m. |
| Brownies – Fellowship Hall | 4:30 p.m. |
| Scouts – Fellowship Hall | 7 p.m. |
| Wesley Prayer Challenge – Online | 7 p.m. |

Wednesday, February 11

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| AA – Wesley Hall | 7:30 a.m. |
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Thursday, February 12

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| Alanon – Wesley Hall | 10 a.m. |
| Brownies Show Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall | 4:15 p.m. |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary | 6:30 p.m. |
| OA – Wesley Hall | 6:30 p.m. |

Friday, February 13

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| AA – Wesley Hall | 7 p.m. |
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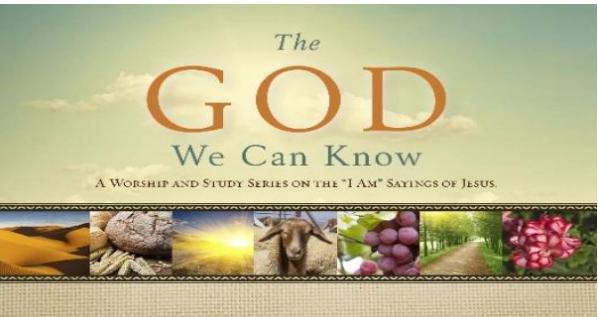
Sunday, February 15

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| Worship in Person & Online | 9:30 a.m. |
| Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall | 10:30 a.m. |
| Worship In Person | 11 a.m. (Old First) |
| Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall | 11 a.m. |
| Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall | 5 p.m. |



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Oceanport United Methodist Church
50 Main Street, Oceanport.



Lent begins on February 18th with our **Ash Wednesday** service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. A service of ashes, reconciliation, and communion will begin our Lenten Worship series entitled, *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus* by Rob Fuquay. Please mark your calendars for the Lent journey ahead here in these beloved communities of faith.

Sunday Worship: Feb 22nd through Easter Sunday, April 5th

Study and Sharing in Wesley Hall:

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. & Wednesdays at Noon

Announcements

Zoom Prayer Meeting-Yor are invited to gather with pastors and laity from across GNJ for shared prayer on Zoom. This half-hour prayer gathering will be held on March 2nd at noon. The link is in the Cornerstone.

Save the Date-The UWIF is having a spring garage sale on April 25th. Please start searching your closets, basements, attics, etc. for items for them to sell. All proceeds go to missions that benefit women and children.

Next week-Sunday, February 15th at 5 p.m. will be the next free community spaghetti dinner. The dinner is served in Fellowship Hall and is open to all.



More Love: Family & Friends

First UMC of Oakhurst

...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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