

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 9:30 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 *Cornet Voluntary* Travers
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

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF THE RISEN CHRIST
Christ Is Risen UMH 307, vs.1

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP Adapted, Cheryl Lawrie

In spite of our resurrection doubts,
may we recognize you in our midst.

In spite of our resurrection doubts,
may we come face to face with your welcoming love.

In spite of our resurrection doubts,
may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain.

In spite of our resurrection doubts,
**may we trust that grace and love surround them
and they will become part of Christ's resurrected body.**

In spite of our resurrection doubts,
we come and worship our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

*SHARING THE EASTER GOOD NEWS

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,
"Christ Is Risen." Please respond by saying, **"Christ Is Risen Indeed."**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

CENTERING PRAYER

**Risen Christ, like the disciples, we are gathered together this week
after Easter wondering whether it is true, marveling at the
possibility, and daring to hope. Like the disciples, we are sometimes
afraid and sometimes full of doubt. But in your extravagant
generosity, you appear to us in our fears and love us in our doubts.
Teach us not to hide from our uncertainties but recognize it as a door
to a moment of revelation and deeper faith that we might believe as**

**Thomas did. In this time of worship, renew our faith, grant us
courage and your boundless peace. Amen.**

ANTHEM *By Faith* Getty
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20:19-25* Pew Bible NT 115

REFLECTION *Stumble, Thomas*
Steve Garnaas-Holmes, April 4, 2018

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20:26-31* Pew Bible NT 115

God's Word is alive for us!
God opened the tomb for us to see!
God, open our hearts for us to grow!
Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION *Sometimes You Are Thomas*
Steve Garnaas-Holmes, April 5, 2024

FAITH-FILLED RESPONSE *Hymn Sing*
The congregation will be invited to request their favorite hymns to sing.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

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

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD
Offering plates are available at each door as you depart.
You may also give online or by mail to the church office.

*PRESENTATION *My Tribute* UMH 99

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me;
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May the gifts we offer receive your blessing and be used to open
doors closed to strangers, hands shut tight against generous
giving, and hearts frozen by fears of the unknown. In the name
of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Christ Is Alive* UMH 318, vs. 1 & 5

*SENDING FORTH

Go forth in the love of God.
We will take this love into unlovely parts of our lives.
Go forth in the grace of the risen Christ.
We will look for him in the faces of every person we meet.
Go forth in the peace of the Spirit.
We will share this hope with the brokenness all around us.

*LIGHT OF THE RISEN CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

The Day of Resurrection UMH 303, v. 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

*POSTLUDE *Air* Purcell

*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.**

*Special thank you to our worship leaders this morning; Pam Puryear and
Joy More as Jill attends Lydia's opera in Oxford, Ohio this weekend. Jill will
return to the office on April 13th.*

Our Leadership Team This Morning

Acolyte: David Furda
Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Gorra & Soon Hur
Greeter: Scott Danielson
Lay Reader: Pam Puryear
Usher: Ron Danielson

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.*



This Week We Hold in Prayer...

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

Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

Sunnyside Manor: Nancy Burt

**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 revjmh@gmail.com.

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.

Blessing of the Animals

All the community and beloved
pets welcome!

Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 p.m.

First UMC, 103 Monmouth Rd. Oakhurst
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Please Join Us in Mission and Ministry

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

TODAY:

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| Children's Sunday School – Downstairs | 9:30 a.m. |
| 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, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

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| Women's Covenant Group – Library | 8:30 a.m. |
| Java with Jill – Blue Swan Diner | 10 a.m. |
| Brownies – Fellowship Hall | 4:30 p.m. |
| Lydia Circle Meeting – Wesley Hall | 7 p.m. |

Wednesday, April 15

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| AA – Wesley Hall | 7:30 a.m. |
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Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

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| AA – Wesley Hall | 7 p.m. |
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Sunday, April 19

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| Worship in Person & Online | 9:30 a.m. |
| Children's Sunday School – Downstairs | 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. |
| Blessing of the Animals – Field | 1 p.m. |
| Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall | 5 p.m. |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DR. JOHN D. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available. The deadline for submission is April 25th. Contact the church office or download the application from our website.

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER-April 19th at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY accepts all nonperishable food items and hygiene products, right now the need is for hygiene products, canned ham, dried fruit, & food storage baggies.

BAKE SALE-The UWIF is having a bake sale along with their garage sale on April 25th. Please contribute home-made baked goods for them to sell.

LEFTOVER EASTER PLANTS-Everyone is invited to take home an Easter plant after this service. They have beautified our altar for 2 weeks and now need new homes.



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John 20:19-31

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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Pastor: Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

Director of Music: Denise Furda

Streaming Team: Chip Stoll, Rob Crowther, Johnny Tocci

Director of Wesley Nursery School: Noel Worthington

Music Director Emeritus: Gary Farquhar

Secretary: Joy More

Sexton: Lisa Costello