

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026 9:30 a.m. FUMCO
11:00 a.m. 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 *America the Beautiful* Ward
Duet: David Furda & Denise Furda **(9:30 a.m.)**
Duet: David Furda & George Murphy **(11:00 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

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST **(9:30 a.m.)**
Sanctuary TFWS 2164
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Jesus said: YOU are the light of the world.
May our light shine, giving glory to God.
Do all things for the sake of the gospel.
We will share the blessings of God.
He called out: Whom shall I send?
Here we are Lord; send us
letting our light shine everywhere – all the time.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST
We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,
“Peace of Christ be with you.”
You are invited to respond by saying,
“And also, with you.”

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236, v. 1 & 4

CENTERING PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Revealing Christ, your awesome presence brings light into the darkened places of our lives, illuminating the way for healing and hope. Your radiance shines brightly in the faces of our neighbors, reminding us that we do not walk this journey alone. Creation is filled with fireworks of spectacular colors all around us, teach us to pause and stand in the awe of your glory. Forgive us when we have failed to shine your light and love. Reignite the spark in us today, that we might be a beacon of your light and love. Shine on all nations, filling them with grace and mercy. Lord of light, shine on us gathered here that we might walk as children of the light sharing in the blessings of God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD
GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 1:76-79* Pew Bible, NT 58
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS 2173

SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
Leadership Lesson from the Toy Box: Sparklers

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD
ANTHEM **(9:30 a.m.)** *The New Covenant* Martin
Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TFWS 2257a
GREAT THANKSGIVING *SANCTUS* TFWS 2257b
CONSECRATION *MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION* TFWS 2257c
BLESSING *GREAT AMEN* TFWS 2257d

LORD’S PRAYER
SHARING THE LOAF AND THE CUP
The invitation to share God’s covenant love through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is extended to all. 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. GLUTEN FREE elements are available.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206
This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine, (3x)
let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
Everywhere I go I’m goin’a let it shine, (3x)
let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
All through the night, I’m goin’a let it shine, (3x)
let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
Bring Forth the Kingdom TFWS 2190

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Gracious God, through this sharing of this bread and cup, our hearts have been filled with joy and thanksgiving for all you have done and are doing in our midst. Send us forth with spirits that glorify you, growing in grace, that our seeds of joy and love might abide not only in us, but in those with whom we are called to serve. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD
*PRESENTATION *In Unity We Lift Our Song* TFWS 2221, v. 1
In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.
What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who’ve shared with us our plight,
who’ve held us in the night, the blessed congregation.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of Light and Love, just as you are the source of our light, you are the source of our gifts, and so we praise and thank you for your generous heart. As we offer our gifts to you, bless and multiply them, that they may shine light and hope into the lives of others. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH 569

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD **(9:30 a.m.)**
The Lord Bless and Keep You TFWS 2280
The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.
The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance on you and give peace,
give you peace. Shalom. Shalom.

POSTLUDE **(9:30 a.m.)** *In Nomine* Alwood
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Our Service Of Worship Has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service Begins.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS (9:30 a.m.)
Given in loving memory of Ann Ward by Mary & Marty Bailey.
Given in memory, honor, & appreciation of all who served and are serving to protect our nation’s freedom!
ALTAR FLOWER CROSS
Given by Maha & Awni Boutros in honor & memory of Maha's mother, Janette Abdou who passed away June 22, 2026.

Our Leadership Team This Morning (9:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: Susan McRae
Counters: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra
Cantor: Lydia Smith
Greeter: Judy Smith
Lay Reader: Timothy Haider
Usher: Kitty Amato

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 and Bibles** available. Please ask the usher.



This Week We Hold in Prayer...

Morgan Schmitt, Ed & Donna Ahrens
Our Homebound: Bev Itell, Virginia

Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

Hospitalized: Nancy Burt, Millie Ricci

Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Care Center: Carol Steinat

**FUMCO 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 at 732-209-4563 or revjmhs@gmail.com.

Please Join in Mission and Ministry

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

TODAY:

Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Monday, July 6 OFFICE CLOSED	
AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 7	
Women’s Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, July 8	
AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 9	
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
OA – Wesley Hall	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 10	
AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
Sunday, July 12	
*Worship in Person & Online	10 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Please note time change	



Leadership Lessons from the Toy Box

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We believe we are called to grow in Christ and serve by loving and feeding the members of our community in mind, body, and spirit so, they may be strengthened by the Bread of Life.

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