

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026
10:00 a.m. Shared Service
Old First UMC & 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 Chacone in F Major Couperin
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
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
In a world where our sense of right and wrong is lacking,
we turn the eyes of our hearts to learn from You, Lord Jesus.
In a world full of corruption and greed,
we come to have our minds renewed and transformed.
In a world filled with self-served desires.
we want to be filled with Your loving kindness, O Lord.
So, Holy Spirit, come and teach us, renew us, and fill us with Your love.

*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 Open the Eyes of My Heart W&S 3008

CENTERING PRAYER
Lord, Paul describes life apart from You as futile, like fumbling in the dark, or having a heart as hard and unfeeling as a rock. We know this to be truth by what we have heard, seen, and learned in You. Help us, turn on the light switch and notice the pain in our chest. Strengthen us to open the eyes of our hearts and be filled anew with Your love. Show us how to throw out our old ways so we don't keep reaching to the back of our closets convinced our former selves can still fit and work. Dress us with a restored mind and heart filled with compassion, forgiveness, grace, and holiness that we might live a life worthy of what we believe and change the current flow of life around us. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD
EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:17-24 Pew Bible, NT 194
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE Nothing Between UMH 373
SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
Leadership Lesson from the Toy Box: Rubber Duckie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD
SHARING OUR PRAYERS
After each prayer request, the congregation will respond...
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE LORD’S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Jonathan Parker Knapp
Parents: Rachel & Clayton Knapp
Big Brother: Robert “Bobby” Knapp
Godfather: Brandon Knapp

INTRODUCTION
INVITATION
PRESENTATION
PROFESSION OF FAITH
*APOSTLES CREED UMH 882
*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70
THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER & BAPTISM
WELCOME

Members of the household of faith, I commend Jonathan Parker Knapp to your love and care. Will you live in such a way that assists Rachel and Clayton in providing opportunities for Jon to grow in the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ?

We, who are in a covenant relationship through this church and as connectional United Methodists give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. To you and your family, we promise to support you with care and nurture you in ministry and prayer. In the name of Jesus Christ, we affirm our responsibility and welcome you to this family of faith. Amen.

ANTHEM Child of Blessing, Child of Promise arr. Gauntlett
Chancel Choir

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
In deep gratitude for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You—living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; that we might live our faith in word and action. Show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight, that we might stop waddling and fly in ways that glorify You. Bless these gifts, that we might influence others into the current of a new direction of hope and possibility in Your name. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve TFWS 2241

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
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 Trio par Contrefugue Chaumont
All are invited into Fellowship Hall for refreshments
as we welcome Jon and greet his family.

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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
Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her granddaughter, Kayleigh.
Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her son-in-law, Nick.

Our Leadership Team This Morning

Acolyte: Kayleigh Becker
Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll
Greeter: Kitty Amato
Lay Reader: Susan McRae
Usher: Mike Sheckler

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...

Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert, Louise Kinsey, Naomi, Don Whittaker, Terry Frazier, June Holder, Debbie, Arlene Shaw, Rose Byrne, Jackie Gilman, Ed

Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny, Vicky, Morgan

Our Homebound: Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

The Rehab Center at Wedgewood Gardens: Nancy Burt

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

Coral Harbor Rehabilitation and 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARED SERVICE AUGUST 9TH: We will again connect for worship, a fellowship meal, & a mission opportunity as Lydia Smith, our Cultivate Internship intern, concludes her internship with our churches. See *The Cornerstone* for details.

72ND ANNUAL CHOIR FESTIVAL: *Anchored in Hope: A Festival of Faith and Song.* July 18th 7 p.m. at the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove.

EPA & GNJ CORR BOOK STUDY: Each Wednesday in October from 12-1 p.m. the EPA & GNJ Commissions on Religion & Race will hold a conference-wide book study on Zoom. The book that will be discussed is *The Flag and the Cross* by Philip Goski & Samuel Perry. For more information, call FUMCO's church office.

FREE CRAFTING EVENT: Candle making, July 18th 1-3 p.m. Historic St. George's UMC, Philadelphia, PA.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Please help stock the pantry with powdered milk, stew, whole grain cereal, hygiene products, applesauce, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned ham, olive oil, crackers, spices, dried fruit, instant mashed potatoes, nuts, peanut butter, & mayonnaise.

JAVA WITH JILL: Join Pastor Hubbard-Smith at the Blue Swan Diner on July 28th at 10 a.m. for conversation and a goodie perhaps.

Please Join in Mission and Ministry

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

TODAY:

Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall 11 a.m.

Monday, July 13

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14

Women's Covenant Group – Library 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 15

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 16

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

OA – Wesley Hall 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 17

AA – Wesley Hall 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

Boy Scout Troop 70 Reunion* 12 p.m.

Sunday, July 19

Worship in Person & Online 9:30 a.m.

Worship In Person 11 a.m. (Old First)

Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall 5 p.m.

*Fellowship Hall



Leadership Lessons from the Toy Box

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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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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