

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
9:30 a.m. First UMC
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 **(9:30)** Voluntary Jackson
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)**
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
This morning we come to sing songs of praise to the Lord.
Today we gather to shout with joy God's name.
On this day we come and lay down our sorrows and pain for the joy of the Lord...
that turns all our expressions upward into smiles.
Why? Because we are not crushed, we are not abandoned, we are not destroyed...
we endure with joy in the strength of the Lord.
With confidence in this promise of our faith, let us join in singing...

*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 TFWS 2074
My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is no one like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

CENTERING PRAYER
Ever Present God, we gather in praise and celebration for the gift of yet another day to share our faith with the world. But each day also brings a myriad of feelings and emotions. We find ourselves often wavering between happiness and sadness, fear and confidence, surprise and worry, anger and joy, humility and pride, disgust and excitement. As we live into these varied expressions, remind us of your loving care that steadies and strengthens us for the day ahead. Help us turn our frowns into smiles and open our sunken eyes wide and bright to communicate the joy found deep within our hearts. May our diverse and beautiful faces give witness to our discipleship and welcome others in love. Amen.

ANTHEM **(9:30)** The Potter's Hands arr. Larson
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD
HEBREW LESSON Numbers 6:22-27 Pew Bible, OT 124
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus UMH 349
SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
Leadership Lesson from the Toy Box: Mr. Potato Head

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
SHARING OUR PRAYERS
During the **9:30** service, the congregation is invited to respond after each request...
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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

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
Expressive God, thank you for the many ways you abundantly and generously communicate your love for each one of us. Yet, you also know what it means to fluctuate from tears to laughter as you engage with us in this life. Bless these offerings of our resources and our lives, that our faces

and our ministry may reflect the face of Christ and bring shouts of joy throughout the world today. Amen.
*HYMN OF DEDICATION Jesus Is All the World to Me UMH 469
*SENDING FORTH
*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD **(9:30)**
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)** Organ Piece Hesse
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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)
Given in loving memory of Kaitlin Elizabeth Henderson by her family.
Given by Bonnie McNamara in loving memory of her father, Ralph C. Goodwin.

Our Leadership Team This Morning (9:30)
Acolyte: Bonnie McNamara
Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines
Greeter: Jack Coleman
Lay Reader: Joy More
Usher: Greg Scott, Robert Scott

- 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

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

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

The Rehab Center at Wedgwood Gardens: Nancy Burt

Coral Harbor Rehabilitation & Healthcare 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

COMMISSIONS ON RELIGION & RACE BOOK STUDY: Each Wednesday in October, from 12-1 p.m. on Zoom join the commissions of EPA-GNJ for a conference-wide book study on *The Flag & the Cross* by Philip Goski & Samuel Perry. The book explores how white Christian nationalism functions as a political ideology rather than authentic Christianity. To register contact FUMCO’s church office. 732-531-1150

SUMMER BOOK CLUB-In the month of August, Pastor Hubbard-Smith invites you to come together on the 1st Wednesday at noon for conversation and sharing on the book for the month. August’s books are *The Recipe Box* by Viola Shipman and/or *Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. Bring a favorite recipe or make it to share.

INTERESTED IN CRAFTING? Debbie Eckert, Old First UMC would like to start a craft/devotional time. Participants will gather and either bring a craft they’re working on, or one will be provided. If interested contact Debbie at 908-489-7619 or eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: We’re looking for soup, chili, hygiene products, canned beans, canned salmon, canned vegetables, crackers, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, & Ramen noodles.

MERCY CENTER: They are looking for beans, pasta, low-sodium soup, peanut butter, & canned meats.

JULY’S COMMUNION OFFERING benefits Peace with Justice Sunday. Please use the LOVE envelopes for your offering which can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS-Debbie Eckert, Old First UMC is asking for anyone who is interested in receiving a daily devotional each day in their texts to please contact her. 908-489-7619 or eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com.

COMMUNION IN THE PRAYER GARDEN-August 2nd & September 6th at 8 a.m. You are invited to share in a worship service in the beauty of God’s creation.

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)
Free Community Supper – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.*

Monday, July 20

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

Women’s Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, July 22

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
OA – Wesley Hall	6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 24

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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Sunday, July 26

Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)

*Old First UMC & FUMCO



Leadership Lessons from the Toy Box
Mr. Potato Head

First UMC of Oakhurst

...is a community of faith committed to Christ, seeking to learn the needs of others and responding with Christian love.

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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.

11:00 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning In-Person
At First UMC located at 103 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst

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