

World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026 10:00 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 *Voluntary in D Minor* Long
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.

Our altar today represents our church’s hospitality and the hospitality of Christ Jesus. The bread in the basket represents Christ’s hospitality around the world.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, v. 3
As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP
We ae many members, but one body.
We come from different places, speak different languages, and bring different gifts.
In Christ, we are woven together, each part essential, each person beloved.
We gather at one table, sharing one bread, one cup, one Lord.
Come, people of God, to this feast of grace.
We come to be welcomed, to welcome others, and to be made one in Christ.

*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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Welcoming God,
You invite us to Your table, yet we confess that we have not always made room for others. We have closed our hearts to those who are different from us. We have guarded our comfort more than we have opened our doors. We have forgotten that in Your body, every member is needed, every gift is valued, every person is loved. Forgive us, Lord.
Help us stretch our arms wide enough to embrace the stranger. Open our eyes to see You in the faces of those we overlook.

Make us one body, united in Your love, for the sake of the world You came to save. Amen.
ANTHEM *Feast and Remember You* Collie
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD
EPISTLE LESSON *1 Corinthians 12:12-27* Pew Bible NT 174
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE *One Bread, One Body* UMH 620
SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
The Challenge of Embracing Welcome

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD
SHARING OUR PRAYERS
The congregation is invited to respond after each request...
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE

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

LORD’S PRAYER
SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION
Come and be filled with the body and blood of Christ, knowing you are beloved and rooted in that love as you go forth to love all God’s children. We will serve by **intinction**. You are invited to come by the center aisle, tear off a piece of bread from the basket, 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. There is gluten-free bread and juice available.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION
All Who Hunger TFWS 2126
Come to the Table TFWS 2264
Come to the Table of Grace W&S 3168

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Providing God, we thank you for the bread and cup that binds us together as one family, for the shared meal that speaks of peace, and for the hospitality that offers hope. May we take your generous love and care to all of humanity in every walk of life. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD
*PRESENTATION
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, v. 1
Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious Host,
You welcomed us to Your table and fed us with the bread of life. Nourished by Your loving hospitality, You send us out to be Your hands and feet in the world. May the gifts we offer—our time, our resources, our talent, and our very selves -assist in setting more tables, opening more doors, and extending more invitations. May our lives reflect Your generous hospitality, so that all may know they have a place in Your kin-dom. In the name of Christ, who welcomes all, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Together We Serve* TFWS 2175
*SENDING FORTH
*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, v. 4

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

POSTLUDE *Lento* Alcock
*Please join us at **11:00** in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship. Adult Sunday school is offered in FUMCO’s Wesley Hall at **11:30 a.m.**, located on the lower level of the building. All are welcome.*

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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 in loving memory of Marie Meadows by her daughter, Sharron.
Given in honor of Kelly Pettit's birthday by Hudson, Owen, & the Henderson family.

Our Leadership Team This Morning

Acolyte: Kayleigh Becker
Counters: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra
Greeter: Kitty Amato
Lay Reader: Judy Gorra
Ushers: 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...

The Gilman family, Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert, Naomi, Don Whittaker, Debbie, Arlene

Shaw, Rose Byrne, Ed Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny, Vicky, Barbara Novick

Our Homebound: Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould, Terry Frazier, June Holder, Louise Kinsey, Millie Ricci

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

At home: Carol Steinat, Peg Kuchen

The Rehab Center at Wedgwood Gardens: Nancy Burt

All American Assisted Living: Arlene Shaw

****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:

Children's Sunday School – Downstairs	10 a.m.
Fellowship – Fellowship Hall	11 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:45 a.m.
The Art of Hospitality Study – Library	7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
The Art of Hospitality Study – Library	11 a.m.
Book Club – Wesley Hall	12:30 p.m.
Knitting Ministry – Library	1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8

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

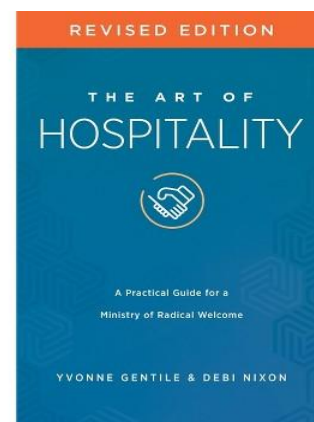
Friday, October 9

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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Sunday, October 11

Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Old First UMC Visioning Session-*	12 p.m.

*Fellowship Hall



The Art of Hospitality

FIVE WEEK STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 27

Note: Not on Oct. 20

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 28

Note: Not on Oct. 21



The Ministry of Hospitality

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.

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

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