Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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)**
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)**
Heal Me, Hands of Jesus UMH 262, v.1
Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Whispering God, the noise of the world is loud.
Open our ears to your still, small voice.
God of revelation, the darkness of the world threatens.
Open our eyes to the light of your presence.
God of mystery, pour into us each day as we seek your face.
Open our minds to the depths of your truth.
God of wisdom, pour into us each day as we seek your face.
Open our hearts to trust guidance as we discern our way forward.

*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."

*SONG OF PRAISE *Open the Eyes of My Heart* W&S 3008

CENTERING PRAYER
As we worship you, O Lord, we pray for serenity:
that peace deep in our soul, your gift of grace, your Spirit's blessing, a gift that comes from you alone, a gift we cannot give ourselves. In that serenity, Lord, we pray for your wisdom, to help know the difference between the things that only you can do and things that we are charged and graced to do. Grant us your wisdom, Lord, that we might rest serenely in the peace that comes with trusting in you. Amen.

FAITH AND FASCINATION

SPECIAL MUSIC **(9:30)** *Trust in You* Daigle, Farren, & Mabury
Praise Team

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE LESSON *James 3:13-18* Pew Bible, NT 230
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *For Everyone Born* Mann
For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overheard.

REFRAIN:
And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

SERMON *Wisdom to Know* Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERENITY PRAYER
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is, not just as I would have it,
and trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender
to his will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with him forever and ever in the next. Amen.

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
MISSION MINUTE *Hope School*

*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
God of wisdom and discernment, we bring you these offerings as an expression of our thankfulness and desire to share your grace with the world. May your blessing be upon them and may they offer serenity to your children in need. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION *The Trees of the Field* TFWS 2279

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD **(9:30)**
Heal Me, Hands of Jesus UMH 262, v.4
Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

POSTLUDE
*Please join us at **10:30** in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship. Adult Sunday school is offered in FUMCO's Wesley Hall at **11:00 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 (9:30)

Given in loving memory of Gail Danielson by Ron, Jeff, Scott, & Russel.
Given by Susan McRae in loving memory of her mother, Jeanne Killian and her aunt, Barbara Davis.

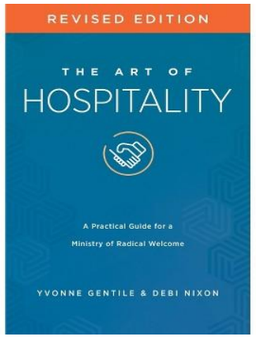
Our Leadership Team This Morning

Acolyte: Faye Snorton
Counters: Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John Montgomery
Greeter: Joy More
Lay Reader: John Montgomery
Usher: Gerry Busfield
Fellowship Hosts: Bonnie McNamara, Randy Danileson, Ron Danielson

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.





The Art of Hospitality

LAST WEEK OF THIS STUDY

Tuesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 27

Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
Oct. 28



This Week We Hold in Prayer...

The Gilman family, Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert, Naomi, Don Whittaker, Debbie, Rose Byrne, Ed Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny, Vicky, the Kale family

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, Tammy Pedersen

The Rehab Center at Wedgwood Gardens: Nancy Burtt

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.





FINDING PEACE THROUGH THE SERENITY PRAYER

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