



Summer Sabbath for the Soul

*“Remember the
Sabbath Day,
and keep it holy.”*

Exodus 20:8, NRSV



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***The First United Methodist Church of Oakhurst
Is a community of faith committed to Christ,
seeking to learn the needs of our members,
friends, and neighbors, and responding with Christian love.***

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

9:30 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

As you settle in 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.

PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

John Ahrens

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Come Away with Me TFWS 2202, vs. 1

**Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and see God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word and be made whole.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come Away with Me* TFWS 2202, vs. 3-5

CENTERING PRAYER

God our refuge and strength, we have known your hopes for us, we have heard your words of faithfulness, we have seen your dreams for us, and we have received again and again your ever-present help. As we pause for these moments of Sabbath time and space, help us silence the blustering noises of our world so we may hear you speaking. Still our feeble

attempt to do everything, so we may see you at work in our midst; forgiving, restoring, redeeming, and sending us in your glorious name. Amen.

ANTHEM *Our Hymn of Grateful Praise* Allen
Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*PSALTER *Psalm 46* UMH 780-781

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 110
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 6:31-34* Pew Bible, NT 6

For the Word of God in Scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
Summer Sabbath for the Soul: RELEASE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

During this time, you are invited to name your prayers for the congregation.
After each prayer request, the congregation will respond...

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD...

Offering plates are available at each door as you depart.
You may also give online or by mail to the church office.

*PRESENTATION UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! `Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

May the gifts which we return to you, O Lord, offer faith as well as food, hope as well as housing, joy as well as justice, to those who struggle all around us. May this provide a moment for them to stop the swirling fears in their heads. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

W&S 3145

Breath of God, Breath of Peace

***SENDING FORTH**

***LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

UMH 668

**Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts.
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

Alleluia, Alleluia

John Ahrens

***Our Service of Worship Has Ended
Our Worship Through Service Begins***

*Special Thank You to John Ahrens and Jean Gruezke
for leading us as we worship musically.*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Bonnie McNamara in loving memory of her father, Ralph E. Goodwin.

Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her son-in-law Nick's birthday.

Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

ACOLYTE: Joy More
COUNTERS: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll
USHER: Paul Bradley
GREETER: Gayle Fitzmaier
LAY READER: George Fitzmaier

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

For Your Information

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly, with our streaming team, in the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available for the comfort of parent and baby, in the rear of the sanctuary, 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.



This Week We Hold In Prayer...

Our homebound: David Miller,
Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu,
Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Connie
Bruckmann, Sandy Elias, Madeline Starkey, Bev Itell

**The church 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 732-209-4563 or revjmhs@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We welcome a New Music Director July 21, 2024

As you may have heard on Sunday, July 7th, SPRC is happy to announce the hiring of a new Music Director.

Over the past month, SPRC has received, reviewed, and interviewed several candidates for the Music Director position. This process

included verbal interviews and a musical showcase of traditional and contemporary pieces. After reviewing all, the committee feels they have chosen the most qualified candidate in both talent and experience. So, we are pleased to announce that as of July 21st, Denise Furda will be our new music director. Many of you know, Denise, who grew up in our church, is the daughter of Pam and Dave Saunders and wife of Steve Furda. She joined our children's choir at age 5 and has been involved in the music ministry ever since. Most recently she has been the choir director at Hamilton United Methodist Church in Neptune. She has experience with both traditional and contemporary music and is excited to be back home at our church. I hope you will join SPRC in giving Denise a warm welcome home on July 21st.



Pastor Jill invites you to join her for a Summer Sabbath Book Study on Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Blair Chapel at the rear of the Sanctuary. The study is based on the book, *Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual*

Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life by Ruth Haley Barton. The study will meet for 5 more weeks: July 18, 25 & August 1, 8, 15. You do not need the book to participate. Come to one week or each week - whatever your schedule allows.

Please Join Us In Mission and Ministry

Sunday, TODAY

Service of Worship In Person & Online 9:30 a.m.

Monday, July 15

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16

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

Naranon – Wesley Hall 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 17

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 18

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Summer Book Study – Blair Chapel 7 p.m.

Friday, July 19

AA – Wesley Hall 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 21

Service of Worship In Person & Online 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.

Community Spaghetti Dinner (TBD)

Pastor: Jill Hubbard-Smith

Secretary: Joy More

Director of Music Emeritus: Gary Farquhar

Sexton: Lisa Costello

Director of Music: Denise Furda

Streaming Team: Chip Stoll, Rob Crowther, Johnny Tocci

Director of Wesley Nursery School: Noel Worthington