



Ancient Holy Words and Timeless Truths: Exploring the Bible

Book of Books

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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.*

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 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

UMH 601, vs. 1

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

still you're there right beside me,

and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, as we gather this morning to worship you,

may we speak truth,

so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we pray in faith,

so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we sing with joy,

so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

so that YOUR words may give grace to us who hear. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

**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

Adapted from Thom Shuman

As we continue on our path of discipleship, we are led by the words of faithful disciples and wise prophets of the Holy Scriptures. As we listen to the stories of Jesus, we are reminded that we are often called into uncomfortable situations to listen as God sends us in ministry to live the timeless truth of care and compassion. Lord, bless these gifts we bring for the ministry you call us into. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

TFWS 2246

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD TFWS 2239, vs. 3

Go Ye, Go Ye into the World

**Go ye, go ye into the world,
and tell the story to all believers.**

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G

Heron

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments
as we welcome Denise as our New Music Director*

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Pamela Lynch in loving memory of her father, Arthur Wickberg.

Given in loving memory of Kaitlin Elizabeth Henderson by her family.

Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

ACOLYTE: Kayleigh Becker

COUNTERS: Gerry Busfield, Rand Danielson, Jane Gittines

USHER: Ron Danielson

GREETER: Pam Lynch

LAY READER: Soon Hur

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Staff Parish Relations Committee

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...

Sandy Elias, Jean Gillette,
Madeline Starkey

Our homebound: David Miller, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Connie Bruckmann, 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 revjimhs@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER BOOK STUDY-Join Pastor Jill exploring the opportunities for Sabbath in this summer season. Reflect on the need for rest, rhythm, letting go, and finding joy in order to renew your soul. The class takes place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 in Blair Chapel. The study is based on Ruth Haley Barton's book, *Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life*. You need not attend every session nor do you need the book to participate.

JULY'S COMMUNION OFFERING benefits Peace with Justice Sunday. Please use the LOVE envelopes for your contribution.

GARAGE SALE-The UWIF is having a garage sale to support their mission projects on October 19th. Please set aside some time to put some items together that can be sold at the sale.

Please Join Us In Mission and Ministry

Sunday, TODAY

Service of Worship In Person & Online 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.
Community Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 22

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Women’s Covenant Group – Wesley Hall 8:30 a.m.
Praise Team – Sanctuary 10 a.m.
Naranon – Wesley Hall 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 24

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 25

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.
Summer Book Study – Blair Chapel 7 p.m.

Friday, July 26

AA – Wesley Hall 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 28

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

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