



Ancient Holy Words and Timeless Truths: Exploring the Bible

Inspired Words

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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.***

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 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

Even So Come

arr. Tornquist

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

Come, bless the Lord who guides us, whose wise teaching
directs our days and focuses our minds at night;

whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.

We bless the Lord who is present among us.

We will not be shaken or live in fear,

but will sing God's praise and worship with joy!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

W&S 3008

CENTERING PRAYER

Inspiring God, thank you for giving us your God-breathed Word. Open our hearts to hear your encouragement, wisdom and love. Stir in us a desire to not only read the letters on the page but also welcome a reflective study that brings us to a deeper understanding and knowledge of your timeless truths.

Enable us to see this sacred book as the guiding light in our daily living, equipping us to be the disciples you call us to be. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Believe

Hooper/Fike/Ryan

Denise will be inviting the congregation to join the Praise Team in singing this musical statement of our faith.

Verse 1: In this time of desperation,
when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only one foundation.
We believe. We believe.
In this broken generation,
when all is dark You help us see.
There is only one salvation.
We believe. We believe.

Refrain: **We believe in God, the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
and He's coming back (again). We believe.**

Verse 2: So let our faith be more than anthems,
greater than the songs we sing.
And in our weakness and temptations,
we believe. We believe. **(Refrain)**

Bridge: Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised,
in the here and now, let love invade.
Let the church live loud. Our God will save.
We believe. We believe.
And the gates of hell will not prevail
for the power of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe. We believe. **(Refrain)**

us the way forward and shapes our hearts to serve others. Keep us faithful in sharing the foundational truths of your Word. Bless these offerings that they may be active words of grace shared in your name. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION *Tradin' My Sorrows* W&S 3108

*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 *Cry of My Heart* arr. Tornquist

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Gerry Busfield in honor of the July birthdays of her grandson Tyler & her daughter Anne.

Given in honor of Rita Stopyra's 93rd birthday by Joe & Cathy Stopyra.

Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

ACOLYTE: Mallory Mitchell

COUNTERS: Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John Montgomery

USHER: Gerry Busfield

GREETER: Judy Smith

LAY READER: Garry Smith

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

**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

Pastor Jill invites you to join her for a Summer Sabbath Book Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. 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 take place the next 3 weeks-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 29

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 30

Women's Covenant Group – Wesley Hall 8:30 a.m.

Naranon – Wesley Hall 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 31

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 1

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Summer Book Study – Blair Chapel 7 p.m.

Friday, August 2

AA – Wesley Hall 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 4

Communion & Worship – Prayer Garden 8 a.m.

Communion & Worship In Person & Online 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Jill Hubbard-Smith

Secretary: Joy More

Director of Music: Denise Furda

Sexton: Lisa Costello

Streaming Team: Chip Stoll, Rob Crowther, Johnny Tocci

Director of Wesley Nursery School: Noel Worthington

Director of Music Emeritus: Gary Farquhar