



Rhythm

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.***

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 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

Brother James' Air

Bain

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 seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God bids us, "Come."

Let all who hear within their hearts, "Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit, "Come."

Let anyone who wishes, "Come"

and receive the blessings God offers each of us.

God's rhythm of creation is at work all around us,
and through us.

We "Come" to experience God's creative possibilities for us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

TFWS 2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Artistic God, we come with anticipation as we pause and rest
in your presence, observing your wonder and blessings. You
shaped all creation in a rhythm that models a life of
wholeness, yet we often choose to build a flurry of activities**

that keeps us from you and your every flowing grace. We often set unhealthy expectations for ourselves in the name of achievement and success. Help us in this summer season to find a new rhythm for our daily lives that offers a pattern of faith-filled living and provides time for your nourishing Spirit. Restore and renew us in this hour of worship that we might emulate your rhythm for all creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

In Remembrance of Me
Chancel Choir

Red

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Pew Bible, OT 1, 2

Genesis 1: 1-2, 26-27 & 2:1-3

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH 150

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

SERMON

Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

Summer Sabbath for the Soul: RHYTHM OF CREATION

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

CONSECRATION

...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BLESSING

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

The invitation to share God's covenant love through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is extended to all. 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, receive a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You are invited to reflect as all are being served.
Gluten-free bread and juice available.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nourishing God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery of communion in which you have given yourself to us. As we pause in the stillness of this sacred meal, we are

nourished by your rhythm of action, reflection, and renewal. We pray that this sabbath time will refocus our rhythm on faithful living and wholeness. Amen.

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 Blessing 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**

Like the gifts of creation, we are but stewards of all we possess. And like the gifts of creation, they are not to be hoarded, but shared with the hungry, the lonely, the lost, the struggling. As we offer our gifts, receive our thanks and praise, Creating God, in the name of your Son. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

***SENDING FORTH**

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

UMH 668

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

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**

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

Campbell

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her granddaughter
Kayleigh's birthday.

Given in loving memory of Ann Ward by Mary & Marty Bailey.

ALTAR ROSE

Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of the christening of her
great-niece Lillian Rose.

Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

ACOLYTE: Susan McRae

COUNTERS: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra

USHER: Robin Whitney

GREETER: Jim Scisco

LAY READER: John Montgomery

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...

Jean Gillette, Bev Itell, Sandy
Elias, 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

A graphic for "Summer Sabbath for the Soul". On the left is a photograph of a tropical beach with a palm tree frond in the foreground, blue water, and a sandy shore. On the right is a blue rectangular box with white text.

**Summer Sabbath
for the Soul
June 30-July 21, 2024
9:30 a.m.**

First United Methodist Church
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103 Monmouth Road
Streaming on Facebook and YouTube

Summer Series 2024

You are invited to explore the opportunities for Sabbath in this
Summer Season. May we reflect on our need for Rest, Rhythm,
Letting Go, and Finding Joy to renew our souls. Come to worship
each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.

Pastor: Jill Hubbard-Smith

Secretary: Joy More

Director of Music: Gary Farquhar

Sexton: Lisa Costello

Streaming Team: Chip Stoll, Rob Crowther, Johnny Tocci

Director of Wesley Nursery School: Noel Worthington

You are invited to join Pastor Jill for a Summer Sabbath Book Study on Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Blair Chapel at the rear of the Sanctuary. Our study is based on the book, *Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life* by Ruth Haley Barton. We will



meet for six weeks: July 11, 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 8

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 9

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

Naranon – Wesley Hall 11 a.m.

Scouts – Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 11

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10 a.m.

Book Study – Blair Chapel 7 p.m.

Friday, July 12

AA – Wesley Hall 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 14

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