



# Hymn Sing

*How Good it is to Sing Praises to God.*

*- Psalm 147:1a*

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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.***

# *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 1, 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

*Air  
Gavotte*

Battishill  
Camidge

## 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

The People of God have sung songs from the beginning of time.

We sing because our God is so great and so good:

**"Praise the Lord with lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, shout for joy." (Psalm 33:2-3)**

We sing because it pleases God:

**"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people." (Psalm 149:1, 4a)**

We sing as an expression of our joy and thanksgiving:

**"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the**

**lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.” (Psalm 92:1-4)**

We sing because it is part of our new life in Christ:

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God”**

*(Colossians 3:16)*

Let us lift our voices and sing to the glory of God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Sanctuary*

TFWS 2164

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, you are worthy of all praise! We thank you for the gift of music to lift our hearts in praise to you. We thank you for this time together to make music for your glory. We thank you for Jesus, who shows us the way to live and for the hymns and songs that tell his stories. This morning, we boldly and joyfully sing our praises, yet there are many other times when we have fallen silent and timid in proclaiming your glory. Forgive us Lord. May your Spirit move through our music and fill our hearts. May we know what it is to be lost in the wonder of your praise, and come to the place where angels and archangels and all the choirs of heaven sing your praise for evermore**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*Spirit Song*

UMH 347

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

JOHN WESLEY’S DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING

UMH vii

ANTHEM

*Bless That Wonderful Name*

arr. Ware

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE THROUGH HYMNS & ANCIENT HOLY TEXTS

*This Is My Song*

*UMH 437, vs. 1&2*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*UMH 404*

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

*UMH 344*

<i>Jesu, Jesu</i>	<i>UMH 432, vs. 1&amp;2</i>
<i>The Lily of the Valley</i>	<i>TFWS 2062, vs. 1&amp;2</i>
<i>Ivory Palaces</i>	<i>W&amp;S 3076 vs. 1&amp;2</i>
<i>Freely, Freely</i>	<i>UMH 389</i>
<i>And Can It Be That I Should Gain</i>	<i>UMH 363 vs. 1&amp;2</i>
<i>He Lives</i>	<i>UMH 310, vs 1-2</i>
<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	<i>UMH 396 vs. 1&amp;4</i>
<i>You Are My All in All</i>	<i>W&amp;S 3050</i>

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Ian Furda

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

TFWS 2257-a

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

It is right and good...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

TFWS 2257-b

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## CONSECRATION

Holy are you ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

TFWS 2257-c

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

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## BLESSING

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God,

now and forever. Amen

## GREAT AMEN

TFWS 2257-d

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

## 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 in song as all are being served. **There is gluten-free bread and juice available.**

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* UMH 616

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Through the mystery of your grace, O God, you have fed us in body and spirit. Send us forth from this holy meal inspired to sing praises of your amazing love for all the world to hear. 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 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

**Lord God, we thank You for the many ways You have given us to show our praise; You have given us voices for praise; You have given us musical abilities for praise; You have given us instruments for praise; You have given us the ability to hear and appreciate the music we make. We acknowledge that music is just one part of the praise and worship You want. May these instruments and our voices and our music always be just a reflection of our internal worship and attitude of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

UMH 152

\*SENDING FORTH

Taken from Psalm 150

Let us go out into the God's world with songs of praise!

**We have shared the story of faith in song and praise in God's sanctuary; let us now praise God in our daily lives!**

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

praise God for his exceeding greatness!

**We praise God with trumpet, lute, and harp! We praise God with tambourine and joyous dance.**

Praise God with strings and pipe; praise God with sounding cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

**Together with all creation and everything that breathes;**

**WE PRAISE THE LORD!**

Amen.

**Amen.**

\*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

*Andante*

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of the wedding anniversary of Robin & Buddy Latham.

Given in loving memory of Hazel Traylor by her daughter, Pamela.

**ALTAR ROSE:**

Given in honor of Jenny Henderson's birthday by Jaxon & Jenny's family.

**Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning**

<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Faye Snorton
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra
<b>USHER:</b>	Greg Scott & Robert Scott
<b>GREETER:</b>	Scott Danielson
<b>LAY READER:</b>	Len Gruezke
<b>FELLOWSHIP HOST:</b>	Bonnie McNamara

## 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...

Pam Puryear

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

\*\*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](mailto:revjimhs@gmail.com).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BISHOP JOHN SCHOL'S** farewell to his congregations is available if you do not receive *The Cornerstone via email*. Call the church office for the link 7323-531-1150.

**UWIF BAKE SALE**-Along with the garage sale, the UWIF is holding a bake sale. If you'd like to contribute, please call Diane Maher, 732-513-8413.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed in observance of Labor Day on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY** is currently looking to stock up on canned meat, spices, meals in a box, shelf-stable milk, & whole-grain cereal.

**SEPTEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING** benefits the Neighborhood Center of Camden.

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** are needed for almost all of the upcoming Sundays. Please sign up in the upstairs kitchen. Anyone can host. See Bonnie McNamara if you need some information.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** begins rehearsals on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

**BISHOP MOORE-KOIKOI'S** service of welcome is on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Calvary UMC, 572 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick. All are invited.

**CARILLON CHOIR MEMBERS**-rehearsals begin on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please be prompt.

**THE UWIF'S GARAGE SALE** will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have items to donate, you may bring them to the church stage M-F between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

**Please Join Us In Mission and Ministry...**  
***where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.***

**Sunday, TODAY**

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

**Monday, September. 2 OFFICE CLOSED**

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.  
Alanon – Wesley Hall 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 3**

Women’s Covenant Group – Library 8:30 a.m.  
Naranon – Wesley Hall 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 4**

AA – Wesley Hall 7:30 a.m.  
Knitting Ministry - Library 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 5**

Alanon – Wesley Hall 10:00 a.m.  
Chancel Choir - Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 6**

AA – Wesley Hall 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 8**

Service of Worship in Person & Online 9:30 a.m.  
Children’s Sunday School – Downstairs 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall 11:00 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