



kindness.
compassion.
humility.
respect.
love.

"Red and Blue Make Purple"

"Do Unto Others as you would have them do unto you."

Matthew 7:12

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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.*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

9:30 a.m.

*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.

Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison.

UMH is the **Red Hymnal** **TFWS** is the **Black Hymnal** **W&S** is the **Green Hymnal**

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

Voluntary in A minor

Anon.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

W&S 3122

Christ has broken down the wall,

Christ has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one,

Christ has broken down the wall.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us take a deep breath together (take a breath). ...

The rhythm of our breath and heartbeat is the same.

Our desire for life and love is the same.

Our desire for a peace in which we flourish is the same.

Let this moment permeate our souls.

Let us pass the peace of Christ between us.

This peace that is meant for all people.

*SHARING THE PEACE & LOVE OF CHRIST

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,

"Peace be with you." Please respond by saying, **"And also with you."**

*SUNG REFLECTION *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* W&S 3122

We're accepted as we are,

we're accepted as we are.

Through God's love, all is reconciled,

we're accepted as we are.

**Cast aside your doubts and fears,
cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.**

CENTERING PRAYER

God of Mercy, we ask you to come mighty close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure of our footing in this moment. Steady us and invite us to “do unto others” in ways that build up your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center that Holds, and in the power of the Spirit that Transforms. Amen.

ANTHEM

Jesus
Chancel Choir

arr. Kingsmore

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:31-36

Pew Bible, NT 64

The Word of God for our times
Thanks be to God

HYMN OF PRAISE

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

SERMON

Do Unto Others Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
*Blue and Red Make Purple: **Kindness***

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.

MISSION MINUTE

World Communion Sunday

*PRESENTATION

Hymn Tune UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Help us to work together well,
off'ring our kindness to the world.**

Follow Jesus, praise the Spirit,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kind and gentle God, we come before you with grateful hearts, acknowledging your boundless love and mercy. As we reflect on the principles of Jesus, we choose to embody the lessons of kindness. May these offerings enable us to reflect your love as we embody the respect for others that we desire for ourselves. Grant us the strength to overcome our differences and to find common ground in our shared humanity. May our words and deeds be a testament to your grace and a beacon of hope in a divided world. Bless these resources that they may help inspire us all to live by the Golden Rule in our daily lives, bringing us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION

UMH 428

For the Healing of the Nations

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

W&S 3122

We will tear down the walls!

We will tear down every wall!

God has called us, one and all;

Christ has broken down the wall!

Christ has broken down the wall!

*POSTLUDE

In Nomine

Alwood

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

“Do Unto Others” Worship Series Resources shared by Rev. Marcia McFee of Worship Design Studio; www.worshipdesignstudio.com and Rev. Adam Hamilton, Church of the Resurrection and ShareChurch; [Home - ShareChurch](#).

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given in loving memory of Marie Meadows by her daughter, Sharron.

Given in honor of & with love & gratitude to George & Gayle Fitzmaier as they move to their new home. They will be missed!

ALTAR ROSE:

Given In honor of Kelly Pettit’s birthday by Hudson, Owen, & her family.

Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

ACOLYTE:	Mallory Mitchell
COUNTERS:	Gerry Busfield, Rand Danielson, Chip Stoll
USHER:	Robin Whitney
GREETER:	Arlene Stoll
LAY READER:	Barbara Gruezk
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:	Judy Gorra & Soon Hur

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...

The family of Rev. Jack Johnson

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

UWIF BAKE SALE-The UWIF is having a bake sale along with their garage sale on October 19th. If you would like to bake something, please contact Diane Maher-732-513-8413.

THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY has had quite the turnover this week. Mac & cheese made with Velveeta seems to be a favorite.

DO YOU KNOW that the UWIF is having a garage sale? Donated items are welcome. Drop off dates and times are October 17th until 7 p.m. and October 18th until 6:30 p.m. Please, no clothing, linens, or heavy furniture or equipment.

WESLEY NURSESRY SCHOOL needs paper doilies for a craft project. Do you have any that you can donate? Drop them off at the church office.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED-see Bonnie McNamara or sign up in the upstairs kitchen.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will take place on October 5th, 9:00 a.m. at St. John's UMC, 2000 Florence Ave., Hazlet. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please Join Us In Mission and Ministry

Sunday, TODAY

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 a.m.

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Scouts – Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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Saturday, October 5

Church Conference – St. John's UMC	9 a.m.
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Sunday, October 6

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.

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