



kindness.
compassion.
humility.
respect.
love.

"Malice Toward None"

"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.*

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 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

The Love of God

arr. Baroni

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

Loving and Hope-filled God, we ask you to stay close in our lives as we move into an unknown future. Wrap us in your love as we follow your invitation to go and do likewise – 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.

FASCINATION AND FAITH

Our Youngest Disciples are invited to come forward for a special message before heading to Sunday School.

As they come forward the congregation is invited to sing...

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.**

ANTHEM

Take My Life
Praise Team

Tomlin/Havergal

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS TAKEN FROM...

<i>Matthew 22:34-40</i>	Pew Bible, NT 25
<i>1 Corinthians 13:4-5, 13:13, 16:14</i>	Pew Bible, NT 175/178
<i>Ephesians 4:2</i>	Pew Bible, NT 193
<i>Colossians 3:14</i>	Pew Bible, NT 201
<i>John 15:12</i>	Pew Bible, NT 109

The Word of God for our times.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LITANY OF LOVE

Written by Rev. Brian Roberts, GNJ

Love is patient and never gives up.

Love cares more for others than self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut,

doesn't have a swelled head,

doesn't force itself on others,

it is not about "me first,"

it does not fly off the handle,

it does not keep a score of other's wrongs,

it does not revel when others grovel.

Love takes joy in the truth.

Love always protects,

always trusts,

always hopes.

Love never dies, but abides in these three...

Faith steadily,

Hope unswervingly,

Love Extravagantly!

And the greatest of these is LOVE.

So, may we all seek a life of love as if our lives depend on it...

because it does.

We will make LOVE our number one priority!

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.

*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

God of all, you have satisfied our hunger for love by giving us your Son Jesus Christ. Following his example, let us send no one away empty, exclude no one, classify no one, build no walls around ourselves or others. Help us to take all the risks of love, for it is not so much our love we want to give but yours, which became visible in Jesus' ministry. With our offerings this morning, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts and may they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION

TFWS 2223

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Sue McRae in loving memory of her mother, Jeanne Killian & her aunt, Barbara Davis.

Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning

ACOLYTE:	Ashley Bailey
COUNTERS:	Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin. John Montgomery
USHER:	Jay Aretino
GREETER:	Jeff Ragle
LAY READER:	Steve Skoulas
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...

Pastor Jim Davis

Our homebound: David Miller, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Connie Bruckmann, Madeline Starkey, Barbara MacPherson, Pastor Jim Davis

**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 revjmhs@gmail.com.

"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](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MEMORIAL SEERVICE will be held for Sandy Elias on November 16th at 1:30 pm here at our church. There will be a repast directly following in Fellowship Hall.

A HARVEST DINNER will be offered on November 16, 5 PM, at Oceanport UMC. Enjoy a family-style meal of roast pork, green beans, roasted potatoes, pickled beets, applesauce, and pie. A donation of \$19 is asked. There is limited seating. Call Jen, 732-865-4188. Don't forget to shop at the country store while you're there!

THE NEXT METRO-HIGHLANDS DAY OF PRAYER is on November 5, 12 noon or 7 pm. Each meeting will last for a half-hour, during which you will break into small groups to pray. lifting up our churches, our denomination, our communities, and the world.

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.
Scripture as Art – Online	2 p.m.

Monday, October 28 OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, October 29

Women's Covenant Group – Wesley Hall	8:30 a.m.
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Scouts – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.
Meet The Bishop – Westfield UMC	7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
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Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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Sunday, November 2

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Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 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