

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026 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

### PRELUDE

*As you settle into 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.*

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UMH 126, v. 1

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.**

### \*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come, all who have gathered carrying stories of joy  
and stories of sorrow.

**Come, all who have known the comfort of love and the ache of loss.**

Come, all who have wandered through wilderness places  
and all who have discovered unexpected wells of grace.

**Come, let us worship the One who knows every chapter of our lives  
and loves us still.**

**Let us worship God. Amen**

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,  
**“Peace of Christ be with you.”**

You are invited to respond by saying,  
**“And also, with you.”**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *The God of Abraham Praise* UMH 116

### CENTERING PRAYER

**Creator God,  
as we gather in this place, quiet the noise within us.**

**Still our thoughts. Help us set aside the distractions of this week  
and become aware of your presence among us. Remind us that  
wherever we find ourselves today we are held in your love.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who walks beside us  
and never lets us go. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Just One God* arr. Davis  
Chancel Choir

## WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 10:24-39* Pew Bible NT 10  
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding

**Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF RESPONSE *God Will Take Care of You* UMH 130

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Pew Bible OT 17  
*Genesis 21:8-21*

Inspired by God and entrusted to us, these are holy words for holy living.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *God Hears the Cry* Nicola Mulligan

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SHARING OUR PRAYERS

After each prayer request, the congregation will respond...

**Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE LORD’S PRAYER

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD

\*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

**Generous and loving God,  
all that we have comes from your hand.**

**You are the giver of every good gift,  
the source of every blessing, and the wellspring of life itself.**

**Today we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us.  
We offer not only these financial gifts, but also the gifts of our**

**lives - our talents, our compassion, our prayers, and our acts  
of service. Receive all that we are and all that we bring. Bless**

**these offerings and bless those who give them, that together  
we may participate in your work of grace, healing, and hope**

**in the world. Use us as instruments of your love, sharing the  
gifts you have given us with all those we meet. In Christ’s  
name we pray. Amen**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

### \*SENDING FORTH

May the blessing of God, who sees, who hears, and who provides,  
the blessing of Christ, who journeys with us, and the blessing of the  
Holy Spirit, who sustains and guides us, be with you this day and  
always. Go now into the world knowing that you are seen and loved  
by God. Amen.

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

*Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* UMH 668

**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

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.*

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

## 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 us, where we help one another grow in faith, love,  
and service.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of “Shorty” Longstreet & Clifford G. Miller by  
Pam Miller.

Given in loving memory of Arthur Wickberg by Pamela Lynch & family.

## ALTAR ROSE

Given in honor of Denise Furda’s birthday by her family.

## Our Leadership Team This Morning

Acolyte: David Furda  
Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines  
Fellowship Host: Bonnie McNamara  
Greeter: Jim Scisco  
Lay Reader: Randy Danielson  
Usher: Robin Whitney

## For Your Information

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly with our streaming team, at the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available for the comfort of parent and baby, in Blair Chapel, 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.
- There are **large print hymnals and Bibles** available. Please ask the usher.



### This Week We Hold in Prayer...

Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert, Jean Holder, Terry Frazier, Louise Kinsey, Naomi, Don Whittaker, Debbie, Arlene Shaw, Rose Byrne, Jackie Gilman, Ed

Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny, Vicki

**Our Homebound:** Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens,

Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

**Hospitalized:** Nancy Burt

**Jersey Shore Care Center:** Dave Miller

\*\*FUMCO 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 at 732-209-4563 or [revjmhs@gmail.com](mailto:revjmhs@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MERCY CENTER:** Children are out of school and are not getting free school meals. Please remember them as you do your grocery shopping. Mercy Center is currently in need of pasta, peanut butter, & beans.

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB:** Summer is a great season to enjoy the beautiful weather & take in a new book. During the summer months, Pastor Hubbard-Smith invites you to come together on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at noon for conversation and sharing. Bring your lunch if you want. July's book is "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert.

**JAVA WITH JILL:** The next gathering will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Pastor Hubbard-Smith gathers with members and friends to share conversation and perhaps a treat of your choosing. All are invited.

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** Thank you to all who contribute to this local mission of our church. Currently "the box" could be stocked with whole grain cereal, canned chicken, olive oil, dried fruit, peanut butter, & canned chili.

**FREE COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER:** TODAY at 5 P.M. Our church along with Old First UMC are your hosts for a 3-course meal including bread in Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

## Please Join Us in Mission and Ministry

...where together we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

### TODAY:

Children's Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.

### Monday, June 22

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 23

Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
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### Wednesday, June 24

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
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### Thursday, June 25

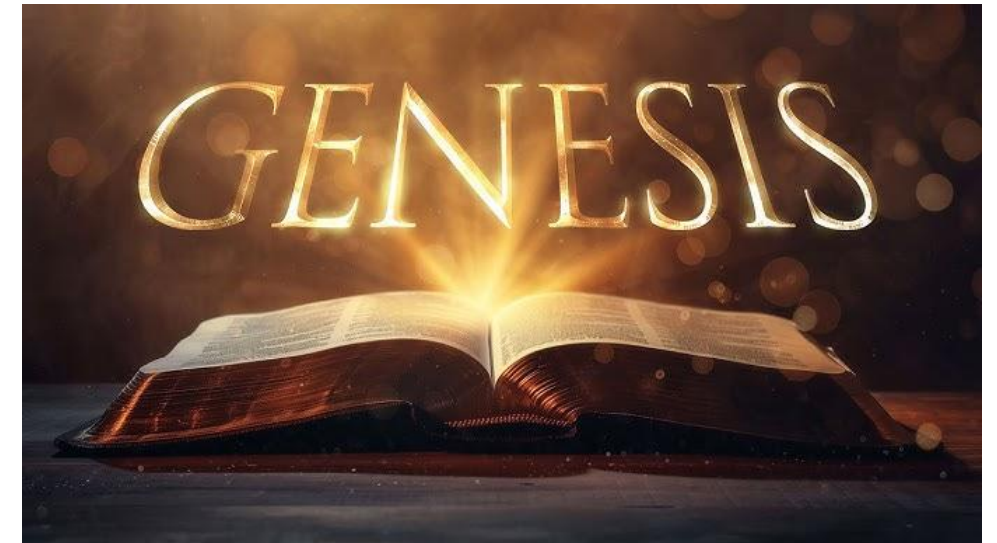
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
OA – Wesley Hall	6:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 26

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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### Sunday, June 27

Children's Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)



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