

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 9:30 a.m. FUMCO
11:00 a.m. Old First UMC

*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 *Simple Gifts* arr. Schulz-Widman
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 (9:30)

Sanctuary TFWS 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come to be connected to the Creator,
Maker of Heaven and Earth!
Come to be connected to the Son,
Giver of the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation!
Come to be connected to the Spirit,
Sustainer of our very being.
Come to be connected to the Body of Christ,
God made visible in the family of Christ.

*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 *Together We Serve* TFWS 2175

CENTERING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative God, your design for all creation is intricately joined together yet uniquely special to each piece. We have a symbiotic relationship with heaven and earth, divinity and humanity, the landscape and all of creation. You have built us into one family with an array of colors, shapes, and sizes; calling us the Body of Christ. Forgive us when we fail to respect all which you have created. Forgive us when we fail to be the Christ-like love in our daily lives. Help us to see your presence in our differences and our similarities, in our varied talents and our distinctive qualities. Help us lay the foundations of faith as we build our relationship with you. Connect us together as we share our life stories and offer loving fellowship in this community we call church. In your name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM (9:30) *Lord, I Need You* Reeves, et al
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:26-52, 57 Pew Bible, NT 98
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE *We All Are One in Mission* TFWS 2243

SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
Leadership Lesson from the Toy Box: Legos

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS
During the **9:30** service, the congregation is invited to respond after each request...
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TFWS 2257-a

GREAT THANKSGIVING *SANCTUS* TFWS 2257-b

CONSECRATION *MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION* TFWS 2257-c

BLESSING *GREAT AMEN* TFWS 2257-d

LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING THE LOAF AND THE CUP

The invitation to share God’s covenant love through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is extended to all. 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. The Chancel Rail is always available if you would like to take some time to pray. You are invited to reflect in song as all are being served. GLUTEN FREE elements are available.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together UMH 618

One Bread, One Body UMH 620

Take Our Bread UMH 640

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Providing God, in your infinite wisdom, you have connected us all together around your table. You have built one family through the bonding love of Christ Jesus. For the blessing of our relationships with you and one another, we offer our praise and thanksgiving that you have nurtured and fed us in this sacred meal. May the offerings we bring be anointed by your Spirit for the building of your kin-dom. May they link our various shapes and

colors into the design you envision for all creation. In your name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD

*PRESENTATION *In Unity We Lift Our Song* TFWS 2221, v. 1

**In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.
What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who’ve shared with us our plight,
who’ve held us in the night, the blessed congregation.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Bless us Lord, as we return to you the gifts of ourselves,
resources, and talents which we bring forth for ministry in your name. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION Hymn tune: UMH 616

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

**Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.**

**With minds alert,
upheld by grace to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.**

**To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD (9:30)

The Lord Bless and Keep You TFWS 2280

**The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.
The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance on you and give peace, give you peace.
Shalom. Shalom.**

POSTLUDE *Orgelstück* Knecht

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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 (9:30)

Given in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. M. Alexander Glasmire by Barbara & Larry MacPherson.

Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her daughter, Robin.

Our Leadership Team This Morning (9:30)

Acolyte: Bonnie McNamara
Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines
Greeter: Barbara Gruezke
Lay Reader: Caren Skoulas
Usher: Ron Danielson

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...

George Murphy, Marley, Jagger, Naomi, Don Whittaker, Debbie, Rose Byrne, Ed Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny, Vicky, Morgan, Jean Holder, Jackie Gilman

Our Homebound: Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould, Terry Frazier, June Holder, Louise Kinsey

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

At home: Carol Steinat

The Rehab Center at Wedgwood Gardens: Nancy Burt

All American Assisted Living: Arlene Shaw

**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 revjmh@gmail.com.

Announcements

PEN PAL MINISTRY: Debbie Eckert (Old First) tells us that America’s Keswick an addiction recovery program is ready to receive our notes of encouragement and support. If you would like to participate, see the information located outside of Fellowship Hall or contact Debbie at 908-489-7619 or eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com.

FUNDRAISER FOR AMERICA’S KESWICK: Debbie Eckert (Old First) is making small, beaded crosses to give out to anyone who donates to the addiction program at Keswick. You may find Debbie at the 11 a.m. service or contact her at 908-489-7618 or eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: The adult Sunday school class will start again on September 13th at 11 a.m. They will be studying UM Bishop Tom Berlin’s small group study *Jesus Is Lord: Living in the Lordship of Christ*. Please contact the church office for other information or see *The Cornerstone* for details.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: The LFP is almost empty and there are no items on the overflow shelves. If you can do so, please buy some extra non-perishables when you do your shopping. Needed are powdered milk, stew, whole grain cereal, hygiene products, applesauce, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned ham, olive oil, crackers, spices, dried fruit, instant mashed potatoes, nuts, peanut butter, & iced tea mix.

Please Join in Mission and Ministry

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

TODAY

Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

Women’s Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
UWIF Kit Night – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 23

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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Sunday, August 25

Worship in Person & Online	10 a.m.
Old First UMC Church Council*	12 p.m.

*Fellowship Hall



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...is a community of faith committed to Christ, seeking to learn the needs of others and responding with Christian love.

9:30 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning In Person & Streaming

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We believe we are called to grow in Christ and serve by loving and feeding the members of our community in mind, body, and spirit so, they may be strengthened by the Bread of Life.

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