

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 (9:30 a.m.) *Come, Come, Ye Saints* arr. Howe  
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 a.m.)

*Breath of God, Breath of Peace* W&S 3145, v.2

**Word of God, Word of peace, Word of love, Word of life,  
Word of justice, Word of passion, Word creating, Word of healing,  
Word of singing, Word of praying, Come upon us,  
come restore us, come inspire us, Word of God.**

### \*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God of Life,  
**you are as near to us as our breath.**  
Touch our eyes,  
**that we may see you in one another.**  
Open our ears,  
**that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.**  
Enter our hearts,  
**that we may be filled with your love toward all people.**  
Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.  
**Be with us now and grant us the courage to be your people.**

### \*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 *We Are Called* TFWS 2172

## CENTERING PRAYER

**Loving God, we celebrate your deep desire for equality and dignity amid the diversity for which you have created. You have called us into one body, one family in Christ Jesus. You show us we are not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought, but to live with humility, compassion, and grace. We lament violence, indifference, and greed in our midst. Teach us to love not only those who love us, but even those who challenge us— to reflect your boundless, transforming love. Send your energizing Spirit that we may be advocates for those whose rights are ignored, violated,**

**denied, displaced, or abused. Shape us today into a community that is genuine in love, faithful in care, bold in compassion, and committed to peace. Open our hearts, center our spirits, and make us ready to worship you — and to live your love in the world. Amen.**

ANTHEM (9:30 a.m.) *Creation Sings* arr. Koerts

## WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:43-48* Pew Bible, NT 5

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

SERMON *Social Community* Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith  
*Abundant Living*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SHARING OUR PRAYERS

At the **9:30** service, 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

Throughout our prayer, Jill will say: “God of us all.”

The congregational response is: **“Show us the path of love.”**

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

\*PRESENTATION UMH 97, v. 2

*For the Fruits of this Creation*

**In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done;  
in the world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us;  
a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, and abundant.  
We release these gifts into your river of love, flowing out to  
all the world. Amen**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* TFWS 2171

### \*SENDING FORTH

### \*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD (9:30 a.m.)

*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* UMH 664, v. 2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ  
and that name which we bear.**

\*POSTLUDE (9:30 a.m.) *Gavotte* Camidge

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.  
During this Sermon Series, there is a discussion guide on the tables for discussion  
if you choose. Jill will be located near the stage for discussion as well.*

*An Adult Study is offered in FUMCO’s Wesley Hall at 11:00 a.m.,  
located on the lower level of the building*

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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 a.m.)

Given in loving memory of Kay Longstreet & Katherine Miller by Pam Mmiller.

Given in honor of Glenn William Henderson’s birthday by his family.

## Our Leadership Team This Morning (9:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: Bonnie McNamara  
Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll  
Fellowship Hosts: Scott & Russel Danielson  
Greeter: Barbara Gruezke  
Lay Reader: Soon Hur  
Usher: Scott 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...**

Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert

**Our Homebound:** Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob

Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

**Jersey Shore Care Center:** Dave Miller

**Sunnyside Manor:** Nancy Burt

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE LIGHTHOUSE: THE MORRIS MERGER:** A free traveling art installation at Morristown UMC tells the story of 8 courageous local plaintiffs who challenged segregation in Morristown’s public schools helping shape a more just community. May 29<sup>th</sup>, kickoff at 6 p.m., panel discussion at 7 p.m. May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m. & 5-7 p.m. May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1-3 p.m.

**FIELD TRIP:** Pastor Hubbard-Smith is introducing a new opportunity to explore faith in new locations. This new ministry begins with a trip to the Cloisters in Manhattan on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to FUMCO’s church office. There is a cost for entrance into the cloisters.

**MERCY CENTER:** The Outreach Committee continues their monthly collection for Mercy Center in Asbury Park. Some ideas for the Center’s pantry are canned fish, lentils, pasta, whole-grain cereals, canned fruits, peanut butter, and nonperishable oils. Please place your donations in the bins in the foyer.

**JAVA WITH JILL:** Join Pastor Hubbard-Smith and friends at the Blue Swan Diner in Ocean for an informal gathering to share conversation and perhaps a treat of your choice. The next date is May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m.

**FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The next free community spaghetti dinner sponsored by both Old First UMC & FUMCO will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to FUMCO’s Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and community.

**FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT KESWICK MINISTRY:** Debbie Eckert of Old First UMC is making and selling small, beaded crosses to support the Keswick ministry. Keswick provides a program for addiction recovery at an extreme discount to participants. The crosses are available from Debbie on Sunday mornings.

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB:** Summer is a great season to enjoy the beautiful weather and take in a new book. So, in the summer months of June, July & August, Pastor Hubbard Smith invites you to come together on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon for conversation and sharing. Bring your lunch if you choose and your thoughts on the book of the month. The book for June is *Joyful Anway* by Kate Bowle.

### **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.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)

#### **Monday, May 11**

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

#### **Tuesday, May 12**

Women’s Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
Brownies – Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, May 13**

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
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#### **Thursday, May 14**

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

#### **Friday, May 15**

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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#### **Sunday, May 17**

Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.



### *Faith In Action:*

## *Exploring Our Social Principles*

### **First UMC of Oakhurst**

*...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.*

**11:00 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning In-Person**  
**At First UMC located at 103 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst**

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