Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025 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

As you settle into worship, you are invited to meditate on the images adorning our altar. During this sermon series, you will see childhood games that provide more than just a playful spirit, they provide foundational life lessons that also reflect our faith. What memories and joy come forth in you as you gaze upon this altar-scape?

PRELUDE

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GOSPEL LESSON

Amen.

ANTHEM

Luke 15:1-10 & 19:10 Pew Bible NT 78 & 82

For the Word of God in Scripture For the Word of God among us For the Word of God within us

and unable to even find ourselves; there is One who seeks us. There

is One who finds us. There is One who is rejoicing for us and with us.

Thank you, Lord! Teach us again Lord, to defend the weak, the poor,

and the lost by opening our eyes to see the needs in our midst, our

ears to hear the cries of those around, and our hearts to seek those

hidden. For that which is lost has been found and there is joy!

Here I Am, Lord

Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Thanks be to God

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463. vs. 1-3

arr. Schrader

SERMON

Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

Hide and Seek: Welcome the Seeker, Seeking the Lost

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

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 OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY 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 OF OUR GIFTS

TFWS 2271, v.3

Come! Come! Everybody Worship

Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise! Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always! Worship and remember your blessings great and small. Give to God an offering; show your thanks for all!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God for the Lord who seeks the lost. Praise God for the Lord who finds those hidden in our world. Praise God as we bring our tithes and offerings, that they may be used to go fishing in your name for the lost and forgotten. Amen

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH 344, vs. 1,3,4

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

W&S 3180

As We Part for the Towns and Cities

As we part for the towns and cities, where you summon us to go, guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage, teach us all we need to know. Keep us humble, fixed on you, forever seeking, born anew. Kindle holy fires within us; may your Holy Spirit glow.

*POSTLUDE

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given belatedly in honor of Kayleigh Becker's birthday by Bonnie McNamara.

Given in honor of Kevin McNamara's birthday by Bonnie McNamara.

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 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.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM THIS MORNING

Greeter/Usher: Kitty Amato/Robin Whiney Acolyte: Sue McRae Lay Reader: Chip Stoll Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen

Voluntary

Taylor

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

Please take a moment to fill out the "Fellowship Pads" located in the pews at the center aisle. Be sure to note the church family worshipping in the row with you.

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

TFWS 2271. v.1

Come! Come! Everybody Worship

Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise! Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always! Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day. Take a rest and think of God; put your work away!

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

When the lost are found,

there is joy!

When hope overcomes despair,

there is joy!

When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

there is joy!

When we go fishing for Christ,

there is joy as the world is brought to Christ!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

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

"Peace be with you." You are invited to respond, "And also with you."

*HYMN OF PRAISE

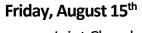
Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

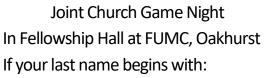
CENTERING PRAYER

God of the lost, the hidden, the least, and all who long to be found. Today your flock gathers to celebrate your love and care for each and everyone of us. In the midst of our weaknesses, when we are lost

Summer Sermon Series Night of Fun & Games



6:30 p.m.



A-O: Bring a Snack to Share P-Z: Bring a Drink to Share

This Week We Hold in Prayer...

Diane Carlisle & family; Pastor Jill & family



Our Homebound: David Miller, Bev Itell, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould Sunnyside at Wall: Nancy Burtt

**The church has a team of prayer warriors, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTING MINISTRY-Do you knit or crochet? Our Knitting Ministry is always looking to welcome new members. Speak with Diane Maher, Jane Gittens, Judy Gorra, or Mel Ragle for information.

JAVA WITH JILL meets on Tuesday, August 26th at Blue Swan Diner in Ocean. Join Pastor Jill at 10 am for an informal chat and a coffee.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY is running low again. After our appeal on Facebook brought in donations, those donations went quickly. Needed at this time are canned stew, hygiene products, canned chicken, canned ham, crackers, dried fruit, nuts, & shelf-stable milk.

FREE COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER next Sunday at 5 pm. You may eat in or take out a meal of salad, bread, spaghetti with or without meatballs and sausage, and dessert. This is not only an outreach to our congregation but to our community. Please invite your friends, neighbors, & family.

Please Join Us In Mission and Ministry where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

Sunday, TODAY	
Service of Worship In Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Monday, August 11	
AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 12	
Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Thursday, August 14	
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
Friday, August 15	
Family Game Night – Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
Sunday, August 17	
Service of Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Free Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.



Well-Played Life: Lessons of Faith in Childhood Games

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seeking to learn the needs of our members,
friends, and neighbors and responding with Christian love.

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Streaming Team: Chip Stoll, Rob Crowther, Johnny Tocci

Director of Wesley Nursery School: Noel Worthington **Music Director Emeritus:** Gary Farquhar