

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- Prayer for ministries of Pastor Earl Kim, Bishop John Schol, D.S. Manuel Sardinas, and Rev. Franck Aguilh.
- Pray for First UMC of Montclair and its leadership.
- Remember these names in your prayer: Rev. Dr. Michael Williams, Ricardo Coward, Nicole Peaks' mother, godparents James and Rochelle Stewart, her cousin April, Coco Kenny and her mother, Rob Lester's father Robert Lester, Gloria Foster's sister Hannah Wedderburn, Dan McGivern, and Langirene, Kennette, Keira, Christopher, Franckie Aguilh.

Upcoming Small Group Meetings

- N.O.W. Prayer Group: Saturday, April 6, 9am
- UMW Meeting: Saturday, April 6, 10:30am

Sunday School schedule

- Children's Church: Pre-K to 6th grade during service
- Youth Sunday School: 7th grade and up at 11:30am
- Bible study class for adults at 11:45am

The Lenten Bible Study is here!

We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm and read Kenneth Carter's *Near the Cross* together. All are welcome!

Souper Saturday: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, January to April

Our annual soup kitchen is going on. We cook and deliver hot soup to those in need. Please consider donating ingredients, joining the cooking, packaging or delivery team!

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,
March 10
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Temptation and Victory."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- 11:45am: Adult Bible Study
- Tuesday,
March 12
- 7:00pm: LINK ESL Classes
- Wednesday,
March 13
- 7:30pm: Lenten Bible Study
- Saturday,
March 16
- No Prayer Meeting – A special session of Annual Conference meets

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Joe Myers
- Children's Message: Avrielle Nicholls
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Christopher Sterling
- Ushers: Paula Blackman & Sarah Kezengwa
- Acolyte: Jackson Kim
- Counters: Bobbette Kelly & Vidal Guzman

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 27
- Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35



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March 10, 2019: First Sunday in Lent

OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS

We belong to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church.

- Rev. John Schol, Bishop
- Rev. Manuel Sardinas, District Superintendent
- Rev. Earl Kim, Pastor
- Ken Rapp, Music Director
- Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

*Prelude *Madrigal in D* – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

Many: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

One: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

Many: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

One: May our commitment be as strong.

Many: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout* (vs.1-4) UMH 269

Lenten Candle Liturgy Screen

Responsive Hymn *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* FWS 2200

Opening Prayer

One: Guide us today, O God, into a season of examination. Show us our ancestors' ways: journeying, even wandering, boldly; remembering deliberately who they were and who we are. Guide us inward to the Word felt in our hearts, and outward to the Word heard on the lips of others. Grant us a season of depth and courage, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength. We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will. We ask your forgiveness when we

fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need.

We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings.

May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey—a land made rich and abundant by your saving love. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

All: Rejoice and celebrate, for forgiveness is ours through the confession of faith in Christ. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Jee Hei Park

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room
- please follow today's teachers, Dr. Leslie Lester and Ms. Emili Pozo.

Responsive Hymn *Dear Jesus, in Whose Life* UMH 468

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p.176)

Anthem *The Old-Rugged Cross* FUMC Ensemble

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 4:1-13 (p.62)

Sermon "Temptation and Victory" Rev. Earl Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory *Nearer, My God, to Thee* FUME Ensemble

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* UMH 452

***Sending Forth**

***Circle of Blessing** *Shalom to You* UMH 666

***Postlude** *Celebration* – David Paxton

Today's Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Joe Myers
- Reader: Vidal Guzman
- Children's Message: Jee Hei Park
- Children's Church: Dr. Leslie Lester & Emilie Pozo
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Ushers: Dr. Michael & Arlene Stewart
- FUMC Ensemble: Jee Hei Park, Nicole Peaks, Ken Rapp
- Lenten Candle Liturgy Leaders: Ariana and Dana Padilla

Our Mission Statement

As members of the First United Methodist Church of Montclair, our mission is to love, encourage, and equip each other to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ; and by inviting, embracing, nurturing, and empowering ALL others, to raise up new disciples of Jesus Christ.

Office Hours Church office is open from Tuesdays to Fridays 9am-2pm. Rev. Kim is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm, and available by phone or by appointment when he is not in the office.

FUMC's Facebook page Find First United Methodist Church of Montclair on Facebook! Please "like" the page so that you can be updated with the church's news and photos.

Flowers for the Special Days Birthdays, anniversaries – mark the special days in your life with a gift of flowers for the Altar.

March Birthdays

16	Eliza Lopez	31	Jasper Nwafor
29	David Winful		
29	Jenny Vuksic		