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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA



**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

June 19, 2022 + Second Sunday After Pentecost + 10:00 AM

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

Rev. John Schol, Bishop
Kenneth Rapp, Music Director
Rev. Franck Aguilh, Pastor of Mission

Rev. William M. Williams, District Superintendent
Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader
ChangYong Shin, Lead Pastor

Bolded text - said in unison by all

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

** If able, please stand where indicated.*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

Alexa Majana

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! Today is the Second Sunday After Pentecost and Father's day. Please rise if you are a father. We have posted our livestream worship and children's message on Facebook and YouTube every week.

Worship Team

. April to June & July to September Worship Team sheet has been placed at the main entrance and it was emailed. Please check your name and let the Pastor know if you are not available.

Meetings/Gatherings/Services/Conferences

- . **Infant baptism: June 19th, 10am at the church**
(Baptism Celebration BBQ: June 19th, 12pm at 47 E. Almira St, Bloomfield NJ)
- . **Graduation Celebration: June 26th, 10am at the church**
- . Voice of Praise: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am at the church
- . Now Prayer Group: Every 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00am via zoom
- . Adults Bible Study: Every Sunday 12:15 pm the office & zoom (except for 1st Sunday)
- . Trustee meeting: Every 2nd Thursday 07:00pm via zoom
- . LIFT Band: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:00pm/Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9:00 am at the church

United Women in Faith

- . UWF Meeting: Every 1st Saturday, 10:30am via zoom.

Christian Education

- . **Youth Gardening: June 26th, 3pm at 41 Conforti Ave, West Orange NJ**
- . Children's message: Every Sunday, 10:10am at the church
- . Children's activity: Every Sunday, 10:15 am at Small Chapel or backdoor playground.
- . Youth Activity: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm via zoom

Special Offering

- . Trustee Committee's special Offering Request: Please financially support the church to install a RAMP for people having physical differences.

Mission

. Please support Haiti Hope House spiritually and financially. Please contact Rev. Franck Aguilh, our missionary pastor. If you would like to help Ukraine, please make designated offerings to Ukraine. First UMC has collected the offerings to UMCOR, a mission department of UMC.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

People: It is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

Leader: When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

People: It is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

Leader: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

People: It is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

God of Grace and God of glory (vs 1,2,4)

UMH 577

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Lord, this morning we have brought before you names and situations in need of your healing power. All these we have laid at your throne of grace, knowing that you are a good Creator, that you have heard these supplications in heaven, and that you have already begun to answer these prayers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for your people. All this we pray in the mighty and majestic name of Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, sometimes the journey is too much; we can't go on, and we complain that we are all alone. Nobody cares, not even you. Our strength is gone, and we are ready to give up. In those times, when we are consumed with self-pity and convinced there is no hope, send your Spirit into our hearts to remind us of your sustaining grace. Strengthen us at your Table and by the daily claiming of our

baptism, so we may go confidently on our journeys, carrying out the mission you have given us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news of God's love for us; not in the earthquake, not in the storms, not in the mighty deeds but in the silence, in the gentle touch, in the quiet rain God says, again, "You are my Beloved. I love you."

All: **In your love, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

- Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:
- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair & Verona).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Worship&Praise

How Great Thou Art (UMH 77)
Holy Holy Holy ! Lord God Almighty (UMH 64)

Voice of Praise

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 65:1-9

Jessica Matos

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy

them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 8:26-33

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"-- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

Sermon

"Legion"

Pastor ChangYong Shin

Baptism

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: God of power and might, as we offer our gifts to you this morning, we remember how dependent we are on your love and mercy for every good and helpful thing in our lives. We affirm in our giving that all the money and possessions in the world cannot rescue us from the demons that torment and tug at us every day. When we've tried to fix things on our own, we have failed; when we put our trust in your loving power made known to us in Christ, we have found our lifeline. Dedicate these gifts and our

lives, that we might not only find our way but lead others toward Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

My Hope is Built(vs. 1,2,3)

UMH 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Refrain]

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant and His blood support me in the 'whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

***Sending Forth**

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

Alexa Majana

Next Sunday Worship Team (June 26, 2022)

Preacher: Gloria Foster

Liturgist: Langirene Aguilh

Reader: Reshma Chakranarayan

Ushers: Robert & Bobbette

Acolyte: Joe Myers

Children's Message: Leslie Lester

Counters: Robert & Bobbette, & Janice Music Director: Kenneth Rapp(Interim: Alexa Majana)

*LIFT Praise Band: Arlene Stewart, Alexa Majana, Jessica Matos, Leslie Lester, Mack Lancaster, Rob Lester, Sarah Nwafor, Stefon Arseneault

*Voice of Praise: Amy Stone, Alexa Majana, David Winful, Gloria Foster, Hilda Taylor, Robert Kelly, Sarah Nwafor