

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, Frankie Aguilh.

Upcoming Small Group Meetings

- NOW Prayer Meeting: Saturday, March 7, 9:00am
- Youth Group Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 7:00pm

Sunday School schedule

- Children's Church: Pre-K to 6th grade during service
- Bible study class for adults at 12:00pm

Ash Wednesday Service: February 26, 7:30pm

The Lenten season is approaching. Come and join us for the Ash Wednesday service.

Rise Against Hunger: March 21, 12-2pm

Our youth is joining GNJ Annual Conference's mission of packing a half million meals for hungry people on Saturday, March 21 at Korean Community UMC in Englewood. This is open to anyone – please sign up by today!

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

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

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,
February 23
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Get and Do Not Be Afraid."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- 1:30pm: Christian Education Meeting
4:00pm: Confirmation Class
The Season of Lent is approaching.
- 7:00pm: Youth Group
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February 27
- Saturday,
March 7
- 9:00am: NOW Prayer Meeting
10:30am: UMW Gathering

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Vidal Guzman
- Children's Message: Chris Sterling
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Eliza Lopez
- Ushers: Hilda Taylor & Avrille Nicholls
- Acolyte: Kira Lindo
- Counters: Vidal Guzman & Jonnathan Paredes

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 32
- Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19
- Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

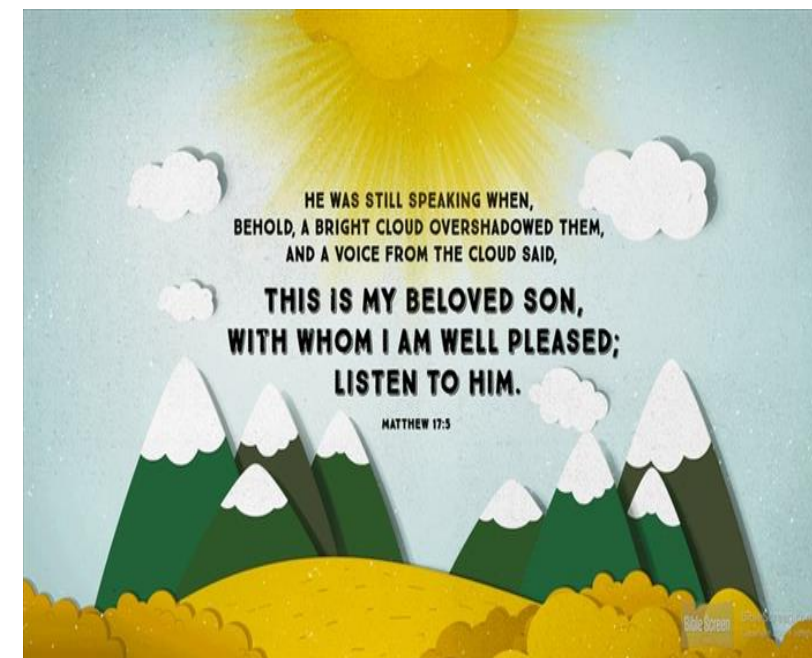


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February 23, 2020: Transfiguration Sunday

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

* - If able, please stand where indicated.

Bolded text - said in unison by all.

LYRICS ON SCREEN

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

FWS - *The Faith We Sing Songbook*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

***Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

All: we are called to be God's people.

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

All: we are called to follow wherever he leads.

Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

All: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

Opening Praise

Honor and Praise

He Is Exalted

LIFT Band

Prayer of Confession

All: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance, we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace. While we want a world of justice and peace, we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness. Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain, we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid."

All: In the name of Christ, all is forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Praise & Worship**

Awesome God

Change My Heart, O God

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Avrille Nicholls

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room

- please follow today's teachers, Mr. Julian Espinal & Ms. Marilou Rivera.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Exodus 24:12-18 (p.70)

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 17:1-9 (p.18)

Sermon

"Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Earl Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

Hosanna

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Praise**

Shine, Jesus Shine

***Sending Forth**

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

***Postlude**

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- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Reader: Robert Kelly
- Children's Message: Avrille Nicholls
- Children's Church: Julian Espinal & Marilou Rivera
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Ushers: Joe Myers & Langirene Aguilh
- LIFT Band: Leslie Lester, Rob Lester, Jee Hei Park, Nicole Peaks, Ken Rapp, Arlene Stewart, Yutaka Uchida

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 from Tuesday to 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.

February Birthdays

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| 2 | Silas Kezengwa | 14 | Gaby Paredes |
| 3 | Paula Blackman | 17 | Stefon Arseneault |
| 8 | Noah Laluz | | |
| | Marcos Lopez | | |