

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, September 21, 9:00am
- Irvington Feeding: Saturday, September 21, 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

Rally Day & Outdoor Fun: Sunday, September 22

Come and celebrate another new year of Christian education for our children! There will be outdoor lunch and games for the whole family after the service.

Church Directory

Did you know that we're making a new church directory? Please fill out the contact information form and take a picture after the service.

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today, September 8 10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "The Way Life Should Be."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- Thursday, September 12 7:30pm: Trustees Meeting
- Saturday, September 14 10:00am: Church Council Meeting

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Gloria Foster
- Reader: Joe Myers
- Children's Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Emilie Pozo
- Ushers: Vidal Guzman & Sarah Kezengwa
- Acolyte: Jackson Kim
- Counters: Bobbette Kelly & Vidal Guzman

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 14
- Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10



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September 8, 2019:
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 8, 2019 + Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 10:00 AM

* - If able, please stand where indicated.

Bolded text - said in unison by all.

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

FWS - *The Faith We Sing Songbook*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

*Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

All: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

All: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

Opening Prayer

Leader: Dear God our creator, you have fashioned us carefully with your hands. We have come to offer you our worship and praise. You know us better than we know ourselves, and you alone comprehend the value of every creature and of all that exists. Help us become all that we were created to be, and help us love you and our neighbors with all that we are. May we follow the way of Jesus, not in the hope of what we might gain, but for all we might give in the spirit and joy of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Spirit of Jesus, walk among us as you walked with your followers long ago. Touch us, heal us, and send us to a world longing for your grace. Forgive us when we seek your blessings for ourselves, while hesitating to heed your call to serve others. Correct us when we dwell on what we lack, while neglecting to share what we have received.

Free us, Spirit of Christ, to live and to love as generously as you have loved us. This we pray in your holy name.

Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God has forgiven us, freed us, and called us to serve with joy.

All: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is upon us. 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, Sarah Kezengwa & Christopher Sterling.

Responsive Hymn

More Love to Thee

UMH 453

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p.186)

Anthem

Be Still My Soul FUMC Ensemble

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:25-33 (p.78)

Sermon

"The Way Life Should Be"

Rev. Earl Kim

*Passing the Peace of Christ

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory

What Gift Can We Bring FUMC Ensemble

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

*Prayer of Dedication

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Are Ye Able

UMH 530

*Sending Forth

*Circle of Blessing

Shalom to You

UMH 666

*Postlude

Today's Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Reader: Vidal Guzman
- Children's Message: Jee Hei Park
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Christopher Sterling
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Ushers: Dr. Michael & Arlene Stewart
- FUMC Ensemble: Jee Hei Park, Nicole Peaks, Ken Rapp

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.

September Birthdays

1	Pastor Earl Kim	13	Wanda Clydesdale
8	Vidal Guzman	19	Hilda Taylor
9	Gaston Arseneault	22	Blanche Gerini
12	Marilou Rivera	22	Joseph Myers