

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: Next 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 15

10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Love over Sin, Joy over Judgment."

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

11:30am: Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting

Wednesday,
September 18

7:00pm: LINK ESL

Saturday,
September 21

9:00am: NOW Prayer Meeting
10:00am: SPRC Meeting

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Reader: Robert Kelly
- Children's Message: Sarah Nwafor
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Christopher Sterling
- Ushers: Joe Myers & Paula Blackman
- Acolyte: Ariana Padilla
- Counters: Nicole Peaks & Jonathan Paredes

Readings

- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 139:1-12
- Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:31-39
- Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20



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September 15, 2019:

Fourteenth 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

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

***Prelude** *Softly and Tenderly* – Will Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hear the good news: People who are lost are being found.

All: Glory, glory; hallelujah!

Leader: Hear the good news: God goes out into the wilderness of our lives, seeking us when we are lost.

All: Glory, glory; hallelujah!

Leader: To Christ Jesus, full of faith and love; to the Ruler of the Ages, immortal, invisible; to the Spirit of peace and mercy,

All: all honor and glory are yours forever and ever. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

Opening Prayer

Leader: God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find

our way home. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: My friends, experience God’s forgiveness and joy— gifts that leads to new life!

All: God forgives us and loves us until the end. Amen!

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message Nicole Peaks

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children’s Room
- please follow today’s teachers, Nicole Peaks & Emilie Pozo.

Praise & Worship *I’m So Glad* Voices of Praise
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Psalm 51:1-10 (p.520)

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p.208)

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 15:1-10 (p.78)

Sermon “Love over Sin, Joy over Judgment”
Rev. Earl Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Voices of Praise

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

***Sending Forth**

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

***Postlude** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* – Douglas Wagner

Today’s Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Gloria Foster
- Reader: Joe Myers
- Children’s Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children’s Church: Nicole Peaks & Emilie Pozo
- Acolyte: Jackson Kim
- Ushers: Vidal Guzman & Sarah Kezengwa
- Voices of Praise: Carmen Campbell, Gloria Foster, Joe Myers, Avrille Nicholls, Jee Hei Park, Arlene Stewart, David Winful

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