

## 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

- N.O.W. Prayer Group: Saturday, October 5, 9:00am
- UMW Gathering: Saturday, , October 5, 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

### World Communion Sunday: Next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

A big celebration is next week! Please come in your traditional garment (if you have one!) and bring a dish that represents your culture. Don't forget to sign up for this international dinner!

### 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 29

10:00am: Sunday Worship.  
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "God of Justice."

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Wednesday,  
October 2

7:00pm: LINK ESL

Saturday,  
October 5

9:00am: NOW Prayer Meeting  
10:30am: UMW Gathering

Sunday,  
October 5

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

### Worship Team

- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Vidal Guzman
- Children's Message: Dr. Jee Hei Park
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks and Chris Sterling
- Ushers: Hilda Taylor
- Acolyte: Ariana Padilla
- Counters: Robert Kelly & Dr. J. C. N. Nwafor

### Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 37:1-9
- Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:5-10



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SERVE FIRST.

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**September 29, 2019:**

**Sixteenth 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 29, 2019 + Sixteenth 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 *Prelude on an English Hymn Tune – Matthew Corl*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: When we are lost and uncertain,

**All: God provides prophets and storytellers to guide us toward the truth.**

Leader: When we are in need of rescue,

**All: God provides refuge and shelter during our darkest days.**

Leader: When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,

**All: God provides open arms to welcome us with love and faithfulness.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship.

\*Opening Hymn *Come! Come! Everybody Worship* FWS 2271

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Loving God, our rock and foundation, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in your holy name. May this be a time when we remember your faithfulness. You give us hope when despair creeps into our lives. You carve out a path when we lack direction. You send family members, friends, and even strangers when we need reminders of your promise. And you send Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, to show us how to live in your ways. May we open our hearts to receive all that you provide. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God, you are the stronghold of our lives. When life takes us to places we never imagined, you provide hope and bring us back to you. Forgive the times when we abandon your ways. Forgive our failure to see your presence in our lives. Forgive us when we hurt ourselves and one another. Forgive our fear of those who are different. Forgive our failure to care for one another.**

**Gracious God, forgive us and heal us. Help us return to your open and loving arms, trusting you as the Lord of our lives. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: God delivers those who seek and love the Lord.

All we have to do is call, and God answers us.

**All: God answers us with rescue and honor, forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation. Thanks be to God!**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Praise & Worship** *Jesus Loves Me* FUMC Children  
*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
*This Little Light of Mine*

*As it is the fifth Sunday, all the children stay in the worship service.*

**CALLED TO THE WORD**

**Hebrew Bible Lesson** Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11 (p.171)

\***Gospel Lesson** Luke 16:19-31 (p.79)

**Sermon** "God of Justice" Rev. Earl Kim

\***Passing the Peace of Christ**

**CALLED TO SHARE**

**Offertory** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives – Lewis D. Edwards*  
Stefon Arseneault

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

\***Prayer of Dedication**

**CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD**

\***Closing Hymn** *We Are Called* FWS 2172

\***Sending Forth**

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

\***Postlude** *A Time for Joy – Carl Simone*

**Today's Worship Team**

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Special Pianist: Stefon Arseneault
- Acolyte: Kira Lindo
- Ushers: Robert & Bobbette Kelly

**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