

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, October 19, 9:00am
- Irvington Feeding: Saturday, October 19, 10:30am

Sunday School schedule

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

Pasta Party and Family Fun Day: Saturday, October 19 from 4 to 7pm!

Come and join us for a joyous fellowship with tasty pasta and fun games! This is an annual fundraising event hosted by our UMW. Tickets are available (\$15 per adult, \$10 per child) – see Bobbette Kelly or Nicole Peaks.

Adult Bible Study resumes today!

Come and learn more about Jesus's parables with us. All are welcome!

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Today,
October 13

10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "A Winning Drama."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.

12:00pm: Adult Bible Study

Wednesday,
October 16

7:00pm: ESL Classes

Saturday,
October 19

9:00am: NOW Prayer Meeting
10:30am: Irvington Feeding
4:00pm: Pasta Party and Family Fun Day

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Paula Blackman
- Reader: Robert Kelly
- Children's Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Church: Dr. Leslie Lester & Michelle Kim
- Ushers: Joe Myers & Vidal Guzman
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Counters: Bobbette Kelly & Vidal Guzman

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 119:97-104
- Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8



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October 13, 2019:
Eighteenth 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

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* - If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Bolded text - said in unison by all.

FWS - The Faith We Sing Songbook

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

***Prelude** *In Heavenly Love Abiding* – Gilbert Martin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

All: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

All: God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

All: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* UMH 369

Opening Prayer

Leader: For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise

and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. 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 Dr. Jee Hei Park

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room - please follow today's teachers, Sarah Kezengwa & Chris Sterling.

Responsive Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (p.731)

Anthem *Prayer* FUMC Ensemble

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 17:11-19 (p.80)

Sermon "A Winning Drama" Rev. Earl Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory *Raise Me Up* FUMC Ensemble

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** *Victory in Jesus* UMH 370

***Sending Forth**

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

***Postlude** *Postscript on a Hymn Tune* – Gilbert Martin

Today's Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Reader: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Message: Dr. Jee Hei Park
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Chris Sterling
- Acolyte: Ariana Padilla
- 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.

October Birthdays

15	Michael Stewart	18	Brian Kenny
	Reggie Joseph	25	Roxanne Lindo