

# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

## Laity Sunday

Oct. 13, 2024 Atlantic Highlands, 9:15 a.m.

\* Congregation stands if able and comfortable. Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison

Readings on **screen** will appear in *Italic* for the leader and **Bold** for the congregation.

**UMH – Red Hymnal**      **FWS - Black Hymnal**      **W&S – Green Hymnal**

*The service today will be live streaming on Facebook.*

### WE GATHER

LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS OUR MIDST

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,  
"Peace be with you," and responding,, "And also with you."

\*COMMUNITY GATHERS      *The Summons*      TFWS 2130

\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God has called us here to lead.

**God has called us here to serve.**

We have been called to lead like Jesus.

**Jesus led with humility.**

The world expects leaders with power and might.

**The power and might of Jesus is found in serving those without power. We will follow Jesus and lead as those who serve with humility and grace.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      *Rejoice in God's Saints*      UMH 708

CENTERING PRAYER

**Good and gracious God, we have gathered here today in your name to lay aside our burdens, to listen to your Word, and to hear the voice of your Spirit. Open our hearts to your presence that we may surrender ourselves to your will and learn your way of being in the world. Teach us to resist the way of the world when it demands that we use your gifts for purposes that are not yours. Humble our hearts that we may follow instead the path of Jesus who, having all power and authority, chose the way of servanthood. Grant us the grace and humility to follow as he leads. In the name of Jesus our leader, we pray. Amen.**

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CENTERING MOMENT      *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*      UMH 430

SCRIPTURE LESSON      *Mark 10:35-45*  
For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE      *Where He Leads Me*      UMH 338, v. 1

SERMON      *Lead the Jesus Way*      Lay Leader Joe McCarron

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
OFFERTORY

\*PRESENTATION      UMH 95  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the words of Jesus, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." Lord, we ask that you guide us in discipleship, to know and serve you. May these gifts signify our commitment to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and serve joyfully in response to your love. May the lives that we live cause your name to be celebrated in all generations. Amen.**

\*SONG OF DEDICATION      *Make Me a Servant*      TFWS 2176

\*SENDING FORTH

\*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD      W&S 3180  
*As We Part for the Towns and Cities*

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### Value Statement

We are a faith-centered community, ever growing in our discipleship. We welcome and engage all with dignity and respect. We go out into the community and spread our love of Christ through acts of kindness and compassion. We celebrate and share Christ's gift of unity and boundless love to all.

### For your Information

**Bathrooms** are located below the Sanctuary or on the main floor in our education building.. To access the bathrooms during the service you may use the steps in the Narthex (located through the double doors behind the pews), or exit the sanctuary on the front left. There are infant changing tables in both bathrooms of the education building.

**Children** are always welcome in worship. To strengthen the faith of our young disciples, there are worship activity bags at the entrances to the sanctuary. We invite them to take a bag into worship and return the bags before you leave. A quiet room is available in the back of the worship space for parents and young disciples who might want a little more space to move around during worship.



## Hygiene Kits & Cleaning Kits Collections

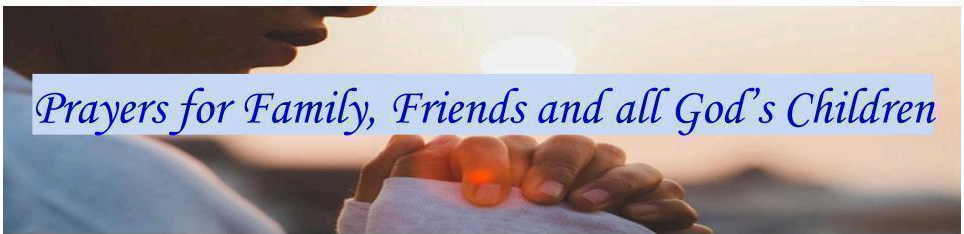
Collecting Flood buckets and hygiene kits. You can find the list of what is needed at the QR code below. It is very important that if you are donating items, you donate the item EXACTLY as it is described on the list. Otherwise, we won't fit everything in the bucket. You can drop off supplies at the church during office hours or Sunday mornings. We will plan an assembly day in the near future.

**Cleaning Kits**



**Hygiene Kits**





*Prayers for Family, Friends and all God's Children*

**We Pray For...** Prayers for **Pastor Nicole and Family** as they navigate hospice care for her Dad. Prayers for **Robert Thuss Sr.** who is having medical issues. Prayers for **Jac Smith** who is fighting cancer. Prayers for **Scott, Jeannette & the Sieh family** as they grieve the loss of Scott's brother. Prayers of healing and hope for **Samantha**. Prayers for **Charlie, Grace Farrell's husband**, as he battles cancer. **Prayers for the victims & communities affected by Hurricane Milton & Helene**

**Our Maturing Disciples**.... Connie Binder, Dave Hermanson, Edythe Daley, Janet Hofmann, Eleanor Ramming, and Bob Schoeffling.

**Our College Students**...Abigail Spears, Patrick Seeley, Megan Seeley, Christopher Carriera, Josh Winters, Rett Schnoor, Scott Melski and Ellie Conover.

**We Keep in Prayer:** Our family, our friends, neighbors, the church, the community, the world, and all God's children everywhere.

\*\*The Prayer Team will pray for any request. Contact Pastor Nicole or the Church Office if you have a request to share.

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nicole at 732-359-2189 or [pastornicolemaggs@gmail.com](mailto:pastornicolemaggs@gmail.com)



Church Conference  
2024

**Sat., Nov. 3 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
Via Zoom

Details to follow.

**Join in Mission and Ministry**

**Thursday, Oct 10**  
Food Pantry 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Food Pantry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct 13**  
**Worship In Person & Online 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**

**Monday, Oct 14 - Columbus Day**

**Tuesday, Oct 15**  
Friends Grow Friends 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct 16**  
Open Door 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Friends Grow Friends 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Al Anon 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct 17**  
Food Pantry 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Food Pantry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct 20**  
**Worship In Person & Online 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**

**Monday, Oct 21**  
Girl Scouts 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Trustees Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**The Peace Light**

Keep the flame alive!  
Sponsor a peace light today!



**LEAD**  
*The Jesus Way!*

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**Our Leadership Team Serving Us This Morning**

Ministers.....The Congregation  
Lay Leader.....Joe McCarron  
Pastor.....Rev. Nicole Maggs  
Administrative Assistant.....Corinna Thuss  
Creative Art & Music Director.....Jude Duane  
Audio Visual Coordinator.....James Ketley  
Custodian.....Maria Josephine Rojas  
Worship Leader .....Joe McCarron  
Usher/Greeters.....Ruth Churak & Karen Jarmusz

*Food Pantry Hours.....Thursday.....9:00 a.m.–Noon & 5 p.m.–7:00 p.m.*

*Office Hours..... Tuesday-Thursday.....9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m*

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