

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!



**FIRST UMC
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY
IN MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY**



*“A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions.”*

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR IS TO WELCOME: Elena Sage Donahue, born August 13, 2021 to Raquel and Ryan Donahue. The grateful grandparents are Darlene and Carlos Mocoelo.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroaha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager’s sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Jon King (Lisa Kulp’s brother), Linda Wanagas’ friend Bern and her father Thomas Alessio, Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel’s son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Marion & Hugh Hamilton (Hugh is on Hospice Care)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

<https://www.instagram.com/fumc.moorestown> <https://www.facebook.com/fumcmoorestown>

AUGUST 22, 2021

9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Blessed Be the Rock

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Jim Blizard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based upon Ps 42 & 43)

Jim Blizard

L: As the deer pants for streams of water, so we long for you, O God.

P: We thirst for You, the living God. When can we come and stand in Your presence?

L: Through each day, the Lord pours His unfailing love upon us,

P: Through each night we sing His songs, praying to the God who gives us life.

L: Send out Your light and Your truth, O God.

P: Let them guide us to Your holy mountain, to the place where You live.

ALL: Then we will go to the altar of God, to the Lord—the source of all our joy.

***SONGS OF WORSHIP**

All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Awesome in This place

Grace Like Rain

UNISON PRAYER

Jim Blizard

O God our protector, we trust in You for safety, we depend on You for all we need. We believe that all good things come from You—so daring greatly, we commit our future into Your hands. May the Holy Spirit guide us by day, and teach us by night. May You O Christ be near us so that nothing can shake us or defeat us. You are a God who hears and answers our prayers; make us always aware of Your presence, show us the path that leads to life, and let Your Spirit fill us with joy and hope to face the future unafraid. Amen.

***SONGS OF WORSHIP**

Here I Am to Worship

Hosanna

YOUNG DISCIPLE’S TIME

Devika Gill, Director First Light Preschool

Kids of all ages are invited forward for a fun learning time in person & virtually.

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY Devika Gill

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering baskets located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER Devika Gill

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

PRAYER RESPONSE O Lord Hear My Prayer (Taizé)

SCRIPTURE READING Nehemiah 1: 1-11 Rev. Hector Burgos, District Superintendent

1 The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, **2** one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. **3** They replied, “The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.”

4 When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. **5** I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; **6** let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. **7** We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.

8 Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; **9** but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name.’ **10** They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand.

11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!”

At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

MESSAGE: *Daring Greatly: Nehemiah – Prayer – Risk Takers* Rev. Hector Burgos, District Superintendent

***CLOSING SONG** God of Wonders

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Hector Burgos

***POSTLUDE**
*THE PEOPLE STAND

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME Our District Superintendent Rev. Hector Burgos who is giving the message this morning while our pastors are on vacation.