

*Stories That Matter*

## So That They May Be One

May 17, 2026



### WELCOME

PRELUDE *Love One Another* Bob Dufford  
Jeannie Nelson  
Cory Smith, guitar

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God.**

In life, death, and resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

**Through Christ, we are made one in God.**

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.**

So come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN NO. 548

*In Christ There is No East or West*

### OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God. You have not left us alone.**

**In Christ, you have drawn near—speaking words of love, offering a way of life, and promising a presence that abides with us still. You call us not only to believe, but to belong—to be gathered into your love, to be shaped by your truth, to be made one, as you are one. When we feel divided, draw us together. When we feel uncertain, remind us that your Spirit remains. When we struggle to love, teach us again the way of Christ. Open our hearts in this time of worship—that we**

**may know your presence among us, that we may be formed into one body, and that through us, your love may be made visible in the world. We come as Easter people, alive in the promise that you are with us—now and always. Amen.**

### SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

### PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Love One Another and Be Kind* Yancy  
UMCC Kids  
Karen Rotz, piano; Cory Smith, guitar

### MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1 *Jesus Loves Me*  
**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

ANTHEM *Hear My Prayer* Moses Hogan  
Chancel Choir

### SCRIPTURE

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory

that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

MESSAGE      *So That They May Be One*

SHARING OUR STORIES      Francis Atuahene

PRAYER HYMN TFWS NO. 2224  
*Make Us One*

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING

*You may give your offering by using the QR code on your screen, at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org), through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY      *Andante*  
Telemann/Wolff

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN TFWS NO. 2243  
*We All Are One in Mission*

BENEDICTION

Beloved, go now in the blessing of the Triune God to live as diverse members of the one body of Christ, choosing unity over division, cooperation over conformity, and collaboration over exclusion as we work together for the flourishing of all creation. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE      *Christ the Redeemer*  
Birchwood

***Bold text indicates congregational response.***

The flowers on the Lord's table are presented in loving memory of her husband, Jim, and son, Bill, by Pat Tallman.

***Worship Participants***

Message: Cyndi Stouffer  
Reader: Susan Corum  
Message for Growing Christians:  
    Kristi Largoza  
Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Nelson  
Organist: Steve Campitelli  
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,  
    Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

## Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5, lower level)

Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm, lower level)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12, lower level)

Seekers (Rm 7, lower level)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study                      Wednesdays at 9:30 AM  
(Resumes in September)

Men's Bible Study                          Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group                                  Sundays at 5:30 PM

Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

## Connection and Sharing Opportunities

Chancel Choir (Adults)                      Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Children's Choir                              Wednesdays at 6:30 PM  
(Resumes in September)

Praise Team                                  Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Carillon Choir                                Wednesdays at 7:30 PM  
(Resumes in September)

Sunshine Memory Café                      Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

*A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and their care partner.*

Coffee With the Pastor                      2nd Monday, 10 AM  
(Resumes in September)

Wednesday Night Out Dinner              Wednesdays at 5:45 PM  
(Resumes in September)

Retired Men's Lunch Group 2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM

United Women in Faith                      1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM,  
Sept-May

*Circles meet at various times throughout the month.*

Web Dance                                      1st Sunday of each month,  
6:00 pm, Sept-May

*High school hosted themed dance party for adults with intellectual disabilities*

## Ongoing Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

**Items for ACTnow** - We are collecting the following items that ACTnow is in need of for their community cupboard: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper, and paper towels. These are items that are not available at other food cupboards. Items can be placed at the table in the gathering area.

**Unused hotel toiletries needed** - Items go to Ronald McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army. Place items in the basket in the Gathering Area.

**Pop Tabs** - We are collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. These tabs are recycled to generate funds for local chapters, helping to pay for essential services and operating costs for families staying there. Pop tabs can be placed in the receptacle in the Gathering Area.

**Stephen Ministry** - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going through a tough time. If you would like more information about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Today, May 17

5:30 PM - Youth Group (Youth Room)

6:00 PM - Sprouts (Rm 4)

### Monday, May 18

6:30 PM - Lillian Circle (Chapel)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4))

### Tuesday, May 19

10:00 AM - Mary Jean Circle (Chapel)

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café (Fiesta Center)

### Wednesday, May 20

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

### Thursday, May 21

9:00 AM - Stephen Ministry (Chapel)

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24 - 8:45 AND 11:00 AM

We will receive new members into our church family.

Don't forget to wear **red!**

### YOUTH/CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION SUNDAY - MAY 31 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

If you have a child graduating from high school, please start gathering pictures to send to Cory for the slide show.

### PLANNING AHEAD - SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

Beginning on May 31 and continuing through the summer we will be having one worship service only at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

**Donations needed**—This summer Pastor Cyndi will be traveling with a group that will be doing mission work in Honduras. In preparation, they are collecting the following children's school supplies: glue sticks, pencils, erasers, scissors, and small notebooks. Please place items at the designated space in the Gathering area by May 21. Thank you for your help.

**Vacation Bible School** - June 22-25, 6:00 - 8:30 PM, ages 4 yrs - grade 5. Optional FREE dinner each night at 5:15 PM. Registration is now open for children and volunteers at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org). Contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org) for more information.

**\*Please remember** - The parking lot at the back of the church is for handicapped parking only on Sunday mornings.

**Save the date** - July 24 - Willington Blue Rocks Baseball Game. The Chancel Choir (and anyone else who wants to sing) will be singing The National Anthem. Ticket information coming soon.

**Prayer Needs** - The full list of prayer concerns can be found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Requests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive the prayer link contact Luanne Sims (lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the

**FRIENDSHIP** folder or contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).

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