

July 19, 2026



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Voluntary in G* Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice—

We join the song of creation.

The sea roars, the fields exult,
the trees sing for joy—

All around us, life is praising God.

Not just in grand and distant places,
but here—

in sky and soil, in breath and body.

We are not separate from this song—
we are part of it.

So come, listen—to wind and water,
to silence and sound.

God is speaking through creation.

Come, let us worship the Creator—
with all that lives, and all that is.

OPENING HYMN NO. 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you have filled this world with beauty—with light and color, with rhythm and life. And still, we move too quickly. We pass by what is right in front of us. We forget to look, to listen, to wonder. Slow us down. Open our eyes to the goodness of your creation—the small details and the wide horizons, the quiet moments and the vibrant life that surrounds us each day. Remind us that we are not separate from this world, but deeply connected to it—formed from it, sustained by it, and called to care for it. Stir within us a joy that rises when we notice what you have made—a joy that leads us to gratitude, and gratitude that leads us to love. We worship you, Creator of all. Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

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

For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter
Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:11-13

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD, for he is coming, for he is
coming to judge the earth. He will judge the
world with righteousness and the peoples with
his truth.

MESSAGE *Joy in Creation*

PRAYER HYMN NO. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken*
arr. Broughton

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 SONG

He Reigns Peter Furler and Steve Taylor

**It's the song of the redeemed
rising from the African plain.**

**It's the song of the forgiven
drowning out the Amazon rain.**

**The song of Asian believers
filled with God's holy fire.**

**It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation,
a love song born of a grateful choir.**

**It's all God's children singing "Glory, glory,
hallelujah! He reigns, He reigns!"**

**It's all God's children singing,
"Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns!"**

**Let it rise about the four winds,
caught up in the heavenly sound.
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
to the faithful gathered underground.**

**Of all the songs of creation
some were meant to persist.**

**Of all the bells from a thousand steeples,
none rings truer than this.**

**It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory,
hallelujah! He reigns, He reigns!"**

**It's all God's children singing
"Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns!"**

**And all the powers of darkness
tremble at what they've just heard.
'Cause all the powers of darkness
can't drown out a single word. (repeat)**

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BENEDICTION

Go now into the world God has made—
not rushing past it, but paying attention.
Notice the sky above you, the ground be-
neath you, the life that surrounds you.
Let creation remind you that joy is not far
away—it is already here, woven into the
fabric of this world. And as you go, may
your life join the song—giving thanks,
showing care, and delighting in all that
God has made. Go in peace and go in
joy. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Mercedes Case

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Adean Bridges

Message for Growing Christians: Kelly Lynn

Summer Choir and Praise Team Director:

Jeannie Nelson

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

Education and Growth Opportunities

Regular Sunday School Classes resume in September.

Summer Opportunities

Children's Sunday Fun Day (Rm 6, lower level) 9:15 AM
Upper Room (Chapel) 11:00 AM

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

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group Contact Cory Smith (Cory@umcwc.org)
to get emails about summer events

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

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

All Choirs resume in September.

Chancel Choir (Adults) Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Men's Ensemble Once a month

Children's Choir Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Carillon Choir Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

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*

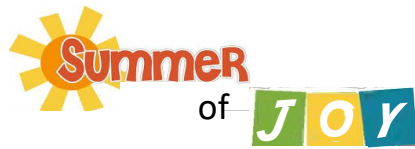
Ongoing Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

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).



Join us for some
joyful opportunities
of fellowship
and fun over
the summer.

July 24 - Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game -

The Chancel Choir will be singing The National Anthem.
Tickets for the game are \$16 and can be purchased at
bluerocks.com/group-portal. Log in using the group
passcode: UMCWC

September 13 - Church Picnic at West Goshen Park.

Worship in the park begins at 10 am followed by food
and fun. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs,
beverages, and paper products. Please bring side dish
or dessert according to your last name (A-K: side dish,
L-Z: Dessert) Sign up at umcwc.org or in the Gathering Area.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Stephen Ministry training class beginning this fall! This
distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics
such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries
in caregiving, and grief, focusing on how to provide care
while God cures. Please contact Kelly@umcwc.org
if you are interested and would like to have more
information!

Women's Back Porch Book Club - Read the book "The
Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali. Pick up a
copy and then come to the Women's Back Porch Club
at the home of Sarah Cass on August 11 for discussion.
Please contact Sarah (610-436-7409 or email
at cassarah2@verizon.net) if you are planning to attend

Summer Choir - No experience necessary. The choir will
practice at 9:00 am each Sunday before the worship
service. If you like to sing, join us.

**Salvation Army Dinner Teams and Sunday Night Safe
Harbor Meal Teams** are forming for September 2026 -
August 2027. We serve the first and fifth Saturdays of
each month at Salvation Army and the first Sunday at
Safe Harbor. Salvation Army teams require a commitment of
four meals per year and Safe Harbor three times a year.
Sign up at the round table in the Gathering Area.
Contact Karen Herr at jwherr@verizon.net if you have
questions.

Oct 24 - UWF Church Bazaar and bake sale - We are
looking for crafters to donate their creations for us to sell.
We are also looking for gently used or new household
items for our gift shop and "free" flea market; fashion
accessories (jewelry, purses, scarves); children's toys;
sporting goods; and games. **No** clothing, furniture,
electronics or books are wanted! Please contact Sue
Oliver, 610-745-3324 with any questions.

Men's Retreat-Save the date! October 2-3 at Gretna
Glen. Fun, fellowship, faith, and even a ropes course (if
you dare). Contact Ed Olsavicky (484-883-3025) for more
information.

Prayer Needs - The full list of prayer concerns can be
found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Re-
quests 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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