

October 12, 2025

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE MEANING AND POWER  
OF THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT



Forgiveness That Frees



WELCOME

PRELUDE      *Prelude in G*      Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we come boldly into the presence of our God, praying with our Savior as he taught us to pray:

**Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

We have done things that we are ashamed of. We have done things that have hurt others.

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness knows no end, even when we fail and fall short.

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Inspire us, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace and forgiveness to others.

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 121

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and merciful God, we come before you as people in need of forgiveness, and as people called to forgive. You know the burdens we carry—the grudges we nurse, the wounds we protect, the debts we hold**

**onto. Yet you remind us through Christ that your mercy is wider than our sin, and your grace is deeper than our hurt. As we gather in worship, release our clenched hearts. Open us to the power of forgiveness—forgiveness that heals, forgiveness that frees, forgiveness that makes room for new life. Through your Spirit, let us taste the joy of being set free and the courage to set others free in turn. We pray in the name of Jesus, the One who forgives without measure. 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      *The Lord's Prayer*      Robert Stone  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE      Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE      *The Lord's Prayer:  
Forgiveness That Frees*

PRAYER HYMN NO. 394  
*Something Beautiful*

## TIME OF PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

*You may give your offering by text -  
Text UMCWC \$50 to 73256, by using the QR  
code on your screen, at umcwc.org,  
through the mail, by automated giving  
through Realm, or by dropping it off at our  
office. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY      *How Firm a Foundation*  
arr. Smith

### OFFERING 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 NO. 389  
*Freely, Freely*

### BENEDICTION

Go now, carrying with you the mercy of  
God—forgiven, restored, and made whole.  
As you have received grace beyond  
measure, share it freely with those you  
meet. Let forgiveness break the chains of  
bitterness, and let love lead the way to  
peace. In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, go in  
freedom and joy. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE      *The Singing Trumpet*  
Broughton

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

### ***Worship Participants***

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Joe Buglio

Message for Growing Christians: Kristi Largoza

Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Nelson

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,

Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

Today we are pleased to welcome Jeannie Nelson as our new Director of Music Ministries. Jeannie holds a B.S. in Music from Towson University and earned an M.M. in Vocal Chamber Music from the University of Redlands under the direction of Chris Gabbitas, a former member of *The King's Singers*. She also took courses in choral conducting at the Catholic University of America.

Her work as a music teacher, music minister, and professional musician over the last decade has brought her to Maryland, Virginia, DC, California, Texas, and now Pennsylvania.

Originally from Dillsburg, PA, Jeannie is glad to be back in her home state. She believes music and ministry go hand-in-hand in powerful ways, and she looks forward to sharing that passion here. In the future, she also hopes to attend seminary and pursue ordination.

Jeannie's husband, Chris, works in A/V and video production, and together they enjoy chasing their toddler, Reese Annemarie.

Jeannie brings with her a love of music, a strong background in teaching and leading, and a heart for ministry. We know she will be a wonderful addition to our church family.

## Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5)

Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12)

Seekers (Rm 7)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group

Sundays at 6:00 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

Junior Choir (3rd-5th grade)

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,

at Gramm's Diner Wednesday Night Out Dinner

Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

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*

## Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

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

**Act in Faith Amazon Wish List** - Items purchased on this site will automatically be shipped to ACT in Faith. To see and purchase the needed items go to [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CN8BF16LR8GO?ref\\_=abls\\_nvfly\\_yl](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CN8BF16LR8GO?ref_=abls_nvfly_yl) New items will be added as needed.

**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](mailto:Kelly@umcwc.org)).

## 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](mailto:lsimsumcwc@gmail.com)).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Today, October 12

8:45 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship Café (Fiesta Center)

6:00 PM - Sprouts (Rm 4)

6:00 PM - Youth Group (Youth Room)

### Monday, October 13

10:00 AM - Coffee with the Pastor at Gramm's Diner

7:00 PM - Digital Disciple I (via Zoom)

7:00 PM - El Buen Men/Women's Group (Rm 7)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

### Tuesday, October 14

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

6:30 PM - Trustees (Chapel)

### Wednesday, October 15

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

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)

5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out Dinner

6:30 PM - Prayer Journey

6:30 PM - Digital Disciple III (Chapel)

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir Rm 12)

8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study (Rm 10)

### Thursday, October 16

9:00 AM - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Rm 207)

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Get your picture taken for our new Directory** - Pictures will be taken in the Gathering Area over the next several weeks, following the 8:45 am worship service and also on Wednesdays during Wednesday Night Out. No appointment necessary. Just bring your family and your smile. Someone will also be there to update your contact information if needed.

**Eagles "Bird Food" Trail mix** is available for purchase today in the Gathering Area. \$5 per bag. Proceeds go to Rise Against Hunger. (Thank you WCU Ram Chefs!!)

**The "Eagles Bucket"** will be in the church each Sunday during the fall. This is an easy way to support our Rise Against Hunger event. Drop in your loose change, or dollars. Nothing is too small or too big. Every amount donated brings us closer to our \$14,000 goal.

**"Sprouts" - Fellowship Group for children in grades 3-5 is back!** Sprouts will meet tonight (Oct, 12) at 6 pm in room 4. Get ready for lots of fun activities. Contact Kelly Lynn for more information ([Kelly@umcwc.org](mailto:Kelly@umcwc.org))

**Act in Faith Fundraiser "Concert in the Cupboard"** - Saturday, October 25, 6:30-9:00 pm, 10 W. Barnard Street. (Tickets are \$50 per person (discount for groups of 4 or more). Includes light dinner and dessert. Good music, good food, good cause. Order tickets at [www.actinfaithgwc.org](http://www.actinfaithgwc.org).

**Senior Expo** - Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 11 am-2pm at West Chester University Sturzebecker Health Science Building, 855 S. New St. Free event with resources, activities, and services available to our older neighbors in Chester County. Sponsored by Senator Carolyn Comitta.

**United Women in Faith** - Join us on Nov. 4, at 6:30 pm in room 10 for a presentation by Sara Wein, executive director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Chester County. Everyone is invited to come and learn about this important organization and the services they offer for individuals with mental health conditions and for the families who have a loved one with a mental health condition.