

August 17, 2025

# Revival

FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT



## The Necessity of Grace

WELCOME

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune*  
Handel/Wolff

SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1  
*Jesus Loves Me*

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Come, all who are seeking life and hope—  
not because you have earned it,  
but because grace calls your name.

**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.**

**We come as we are, welcomed by the  
boundless mercy of God.**

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Jay Althouse  
Summer Choir

Once we were lost— but God, rich in mercy,  
has made us alive together in Christ.

**By grace we are saved. Not by our striving,  
but through God's gift. Let us worship the  
God of amazing grace!**

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10

OPENING HYMN NO. 363  
*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

MESSAGE *The Necessity of Grace*

OPENING PRAYER  
**God of Amazing Grace, we come before you  
with nothing to prove, and everything to  
receive. We confess how often we forget  
that it is your grace—not our goodness,  
not our achievements—that makes us  
whole. Remind us today that we are your  
workmanship, created not by our own hands,  
but by your love, for your purpose.  
Let your grace flood our hearts, stir our spirits,  
and shape our lives. Open us to the mystery  
and miracle of grace— a grace that heals,  
restores, and sends us out in love. We pray in  
the name of Jesus Christ, who is grace made  
flesh. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
**We believe in the grace of God—  
freely given, never earned, always at work.  
We were once lost in our own striving,  
but God, rich in mercy, reached out in love  
and made us alive together in Christ.  
We believe that by grace we are saved—  
not through our works,  
but through faith in the One who redeems.  
We believe grace goes before us,  
awakens us, and transforms us.  
It calls us to good works—  
not to earn God's favor,  
but to live out God's love.  
This is the gift of God—  
the ground of our hope,  
the song of our lives,  
the heart of our faith.  
Amen.**

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

PRAYER HYMN TFWS NO. 2152  
*Change My Heart, O God*

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 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 *Prelude* Milan

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 SONG *This is Amazing Grace*

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings**  
**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

**Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory**

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings**

**Chorus**

BENEDICTION

Go now in the strength of God's grace—grace that goes before you, walks beside you, and carries you when you fall. Let it humble you, free you, and change you. Let it spill from your life into the lives of others. And may the God of all grace—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless you and keep you, today and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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

**Worship Participants**

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer  
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller  
Reader: Evelyn Allen  
Message for Growing Christians: Tim Case  
Summer Choir Director: Joe Buglio  
Organist: Steve Campitelli  
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark, Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Today, August 17

9:30 AM - Children's and Youth Sunday School  
1:00 PM - Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game  
5:00 PM - El Buen Sunday School  
6:00 PM - El Buen Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, August 18

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

### Tuesday, August 19

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café

### Wednesday, August 20

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)  
6:30 PM - Prayer Journey  
8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study (Rm 10)

### Thursday, August 21

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

### Saturday, August 23

8:00 PM - El Buen Prayer Vigil (Rm 10)

## 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).

## 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).

**Next Sunday - Blessing of the Backpacks** - Children, youth, and college students are invited to bring their backpacks (optional) to the worship service. We will pray for a school year filled with growth, safety, and peace.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Special Class, "Our Methodist Roots"**, - Pastor Cyndi will teach this four week class from 11:15 am—12 noon on Sundays, Aug. 10, 24, and 31. This class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about our Methodist heritage. Anyone interested in becoming a church member should also plan to attend.

**Church Picnic - Save the date** - Sunday, September 7 at West Goshen Park. Worship will be in the park at 10 am with activities to follow.

**United Women in Faith** – The September general meeting will be a Salad Supper (pot-luck style, bring a dish to share) on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00pm in the Fiesta Center. All women are invited.

**Coming next year! UMCWC 10 Day Pilgrimage in Greece** – April 13-22, 2026 – "Paul's World and Mission Pilgrimage" Information packets with registration forms are on the round table in the Gathering Area or go to

<https://sbsbibletoours.org/product/departing-13-april-2026-pauls-world-and-mission/>

**Disciple Bible Study** - Digital Disciple 1 will be offered on Mondays at 7 pm via Zoom beginning on September 15. Digital Disciple 3 will be offered in person on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in room 207 beginning September 17. If you would like to be part of one of these studies please sign up online or in the Gathering Area.

**Women's Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 9:30-11 am in the chapel. The first study (6 weeks) will be "The Bible With or Without Jesus by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Sue Oliver (eaglesbrad@aol.com) for more information.

**Items Needed** - United Women in Faith are collecting items for this years Fall Bazaar on October 11. Donations of new or gently used items suitable for re-gifting, jewelry, purses, scarves, and craft items will be accepted until September 21st. Contact Barb Cray (barbcray@gmail.com) for more information.