

June 8, 2025

# PENTECOST/ CONFIRMATION 2025



## WELCOME

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Peterson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God is upon us.

**We are called to be God's people.**

The Spirit of God is upon us.

**We are called to be the body of Christ.**

Come let us worship God,

**The one who binds us together in love and service.**

OPENING HYMN No. 558 *We Are the Church*

## OPENING PRAYER

**Come, Holy Spirit— like wind that moves and fire that ignites. On this Pentecost day, fill us with your presence. We give thanks for those being confirmed today. Pour out your Spirit on them and on us. Unite us as your people. Send us out in love, bold and faithful. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

*Creation Will Be at Peace*

Anna Page, Paul Williams

Chancel Choir

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs

on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

#### MESSAGE

*Welcome to the Family*

#### CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction

Presentation of the candidate

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Response of the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**We will.**

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Faith Statements

Anointing with Oil and Laying on of Hands

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

#### PRAYER HYMN No. 393

*Spirit of the Living God*

#### 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](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

*He Shall Sustain Thee*

Simone

#### 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. 2129

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

#### BENEDICTION

May God bless you today, carrying you on the winds of the Spirit into the world to share the love, grace, and family that have been so lavishly given to each and every one of us. Amen.

#### CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Chancel Choir

Peter Lutkin

#### POSTLUDE

*Gavotte*

Handel/Wolff

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

#### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Liturgists: Rev. Mercedes Case, Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Brian Krug

Message for Growing Christians: Kristi Largoza

Chancel Choir Director: Tom Sabatino

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,

Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

# Confirmation 2025

Daniel Michael Barnitz

Mackenzie Ada Crawford

Madelyn Susan Crawford

Jillian Marie Joslin

Ryan Thomas Largoza

## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME -

10:00 AM

**From now through August we will only be having one worship service. Please note the time change and tell your family and friends.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Retirement Lunch for Pastor Merc** - June 22 in the Fiesta Center following the morning worship service. Please let us know if you are coming so that we know how much food to prepare. Sign up online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAE2AA13-57126221-pastor>

You can also call the church office.

**Vacation Bible School** - June 23-26, 6:00 - 8:30 PM, ages 4 yrs - grade 5. Optional FREE dinner each night at 5:15 PM. Children and volunteers can register at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org). Contact Kelly Lynn ([Kelly@umcwc.org](mailto:Kelly@umcwc.org)) for more information.

**Trip to the Biblical Tabernacle Experience in Lancaster** - Saturday, August 9. See Pastor Merc for more details.

**Wilmington Blue Rocks Game** - Sunday, August 17. Information on how to order tickets is coming soon

**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.

## More Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

**Christmas Parade Float** - We're hoping to have a church float in this year's WC Christmas parade. If you're interested on being on the committee to design and make the float, please contact the church office as soon as possible. It seems a long way off, but we have to register by June 29.

**Bible Story Costume Shop** - We'll be making new robes for skits just in time for VBS. Can you cut? Sew? Want to learn to sew on long straight seams? Contact Beth Buglio at [bbuglioumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:bbuglioumcwc@gmail.com) or 484-889-1228. We will find a flexible time to work together.

**The Pastor Jo Higgins Library is NOT just for kids!** Look out for the new "Parenting Books" that have been added titled *#1 Book for Dads* by James Patterson, which is also for moms and grandparents; and *How Not to Parent*, which turned out to be very funny. So much good advice. All of the parenting books are now on display on the bookcase by the elevator downstairs.

**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/3AR0DYSYPSP4R?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3AR0DYSYPSP4R?ref=wl_share) or use the QR code. New items will be added as needed.



**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)). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact Rev Case ([Mercedes@umcwc.org](mailto:Mercedes@umcwc.org)).