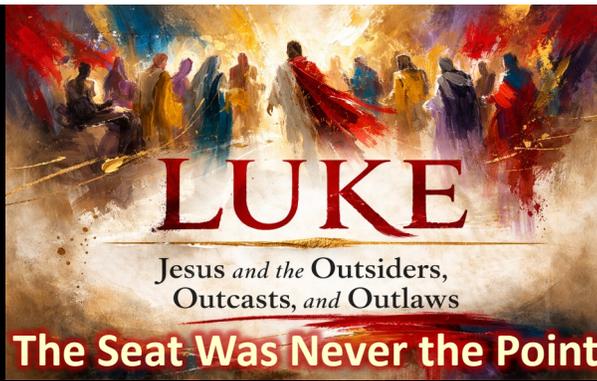


March 22, 2026



WELCOME

PRELUDE

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You*

arr. Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

**God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.**

The greatest among you must become like a person of low status, and the leader like a servant.

**Jesus came to us as one who serves.**

**We will eat and drink at his table in his kingdom.**

Come, not to claim status or power, but to receive grace.

**We come to be shaped by love, humility, and mercy.**

Come, not to be served, but to follow the Servant Christ.

**We come to worship the One who kneels, who loves, and who gives himself for the life of the world. Let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 256, vs. 2-5

*We Would See Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News. The Son of God came to seek and save the lost, and there is joy in heaven when even one sinner repents. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Jeannie Nelson

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:24-27

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

A SEAT AT THE TABLE

*The One Who Knelt*  
Tim Price

MESSAGE *The Seat Was Never the Point*

PRAYER HYMN NO. 432

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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, through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*  
arr. Jones

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. 2223

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

BENEDICTION

Go now in the way of Christ, who laid aside power and took up a towel, who showed us that love is strongest when it serves. As you go, may your lives bear witness to a kingdom where the last are first, the humble are lifted, and grace is poured out at an open table. Go in peace, to love and to serve, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* Handel

**Bold text indicates congregational response.**

**Worship Participants**

Message: Cyndi Stouffer  
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller  
Reader: Bill Bremner  
Message for Growing Christians:  
Jeannie Nelson  
Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Nelson  
Organist: Steve Campitelli  
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,  
Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Today, March 22**

5:30 PM - Youth Group (Youth Room)

6:00 PM - Sprouts

**Monday, March 23**

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

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

**Tuesday, March 24**

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

6:30 PM - UWF Executive Board (Chapel)

**Wednesday, March 25**

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 - Digital Disciple III (Chapel)

6:30 PM - Children's Choir (Rm 10)

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir (Rm 12)

**Thursday, March 26**

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

## 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

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

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

Gamm'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

**ACT Now (formerly Act In Faith)** - Items for their Community Cupboard can be dropped off at the table in the Gathering Area. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, all purpose cleaner, and laundry detergent are needed, as these items are not available at other cupboards.

**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.

**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).

**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).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

**Easter Flowers** - Orders are now being taken for Easter flowers that will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Order a lily (5 bloom) or tulips (6 bulb) in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$15 per plant. You can also give a gift to mission that will support our youth summer mission trip. Order cards have been mailed and are also on the round table in the Gathering Area. Deadline to order is March 25.

**Undies for Easter** The EPA Conference Prison Ministry Team is collecting men's socks and underwear that will be distributed to the Philadelphia prison system. Donations **must** be purchased through their Amazon gift registry [https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/LGBJAE5EW8G2?ref=gr\\_search\\_page\\_result](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/LGBJAE5EW8G2?ref=gr_search_page_result)

**Bake Sale** - Palm Sunday, March 29, in the Gathering Area. There will be delicious Easter Breads as well as cakes, pies, cookies and more! All monies go towards church and United Women in Faith mission projects. Stock up for Easter!

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am in the Fiesta Center. No charge. Egg hunt for infants—grade 2, scavenger hunt for grades 3-5. Register at UMCWC.org.

**United Women in Faith are collecting** clothing, toiletries/ personal care items, and monetary gifts for this year's South District UWF Ingathering which will be held on Saturday morning, Apr 25, at Christ UMC in Brookhaven. Please see the flyer in the Gathering Area for more information and the list of agencies that will be receiving the donations.

**Interested in becoming a member of the church?**

There will be a time of coffee and fellowship on Sunday, April 19, following the 8:45 am worship service.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



**PALM SUNDAY** - Worship at 8:45 AM with special music; Worship Café at 11:00 AM. Distribution of palms at both services.

**HOLY THURSDAY** - 7:00 PM in the Fiesta Center. We will worship around tables, share a meal together, and celebrate holy communion.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. The other churches in the West Chester Area United Methodist Missionlink will join us.