



WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Awakening* Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sojourning God calls us from every path and place,
inviting us to journey with curiosity and compassion.

We are summoned to leave behind what is comfortable and familiar,
to step beyond our walls and open our hearts to the world.

God gives us vision to see more clearly,
 appreciation to love more deeply,
and perception to recognize the Spirit moving among us.

Come, let us be guided and nudged by the Spirit,
as we worship the One who journeys with us always.

OPENING HYMN No. 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone. Forgive us when we turn away. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know this: At the moment of despair and unknowing, Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road. He is our constant companion and invites us always to break open our lives and share, traveling together toward the Kingdom of Love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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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.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 30:21

SPECIAL MUSIC VBS Band

SCRIPTURE Exodus 13: 17-21

MESSAGE *Leaving Home*

PRAYER SONG *Stepping In*
Chorus

**There is a prayer, like a wide river.
 It never ends, does not begin.
 Around the world, it's always flowing,
 and I am stepping in.
 We are stepping in.**

Verse

**We are praying with those in different places,
 diff'rent languages and faces,
 ev'ry hour of the day.
 And we are praying with enemies and strangers,
 In gratitude and danger,
 calling God ten thousand names.**

Repeat Chorus

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 *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*
arr. Walther

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 *Lord, I Need You*
(Nockels/Carson/Reeves)

**Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart**

Chorus:

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me**

Repeat Chorus

**So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay**

Repeat Chorus

**My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

◆BENEDICTION

As you step out of this door, and any other door, this week, may you be aware of your very movement as a spiritual act of expanding your horizon, traveling beyond your preconceptions, and embracing the infinite delight of this earth and its beings. And may the Creator continue your unfolding, the Christ accompany your deeper knowing, the Spirit enliven your growing, until one day we all gather in the Kingdom of Love.

POSTLUDE

VBS Band

Bold text indicates congregational response.

The flowers on the Lord's Table presented to the glory of God in celebration of their wedding anniversary on June 28th, by John and Eileen Hogan.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Adam Clark,

Marianne Murtaugh

Message for Growing Christians:

Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,

Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

THANK YOU! Words cannot fully express how much I loved this past Sunday's service and lunch. The lunch was perfect – I loved being with everyone around the tables. The bagpiper was awesome (I did NOT see that coming!). The unicorn visit was a totally fun surprise (see below for the story about the unicorn). The fellowship and friendship that day will be with me forever. The gifts are greatly appreciated.

This church is amazing and as I say many times, this is my family and my home. I am so grateful that I will continue to be a part of the ministry team of the church. I look forward to what the next chapter in my life brings! Thank you all again. It is a blessing to be a part of this church and an honor to serve the Lord and you here at UMCWC.

Pastor Merc

(The story about the unicorn – around the church office, I will often say that I do not like to hear anything negative, because I only live in a happy world of “rainbows and unicorns”. Rev. Tom Haugh made it a reality on Sunday!)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, June 29

5:00 PM - El Buen Sunday School

6:00 PM - El Buen Worship

Monday, June 30

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

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

Tuesday, July 1

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café

Wednesday, July 2

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

6:30 PM - Prayer Journey

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

Thursday, July 3

Office Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Choir begins July 6. - No experience necessary. The choir will practice at 9:30 am each Sunday before the worship service. If you like to sing, join us.

Trip to the Biblical Tabernacle Experience in Lancaster - Saturday, August 9, 10 AM. Sign up in the Gathering Area or online at umcwc.org.

Wilmington Blue Rocks Game - Sunday, August 17, 1:05 pm. We have reserved a section of seats. Purchase your tickets at <https://www.milb.com/wilmington/tickets/group-outings/portals>. Be sure to use the group passcode: [highstreetbaseball](https://www.milb.com/wilmington/tickets/group-outings/portals).

Women's Back Porch Book Club - This summer's book is "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Read the book and join for discussion on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 pm at the home of Sarah Cass.

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.

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).