

September 1, 2024



Communion - the Past, the Present, and the Future



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

HYMN *To God Be the Glory* no. 98

PSALTER Psalm 25: 1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O My God, in you I trust, let me not be put to
shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;
**let them be ashamed who are clothed
with treachery.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation:
for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been
from of old.

**Remember not the sins of my youth,
or my transgressions; according to your
steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord
instructs sinners in the way, and leads the humble in
what is right, and teaches them their way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love
and faithfulness, for those who keep the
Lord's covenant and testimonies.**

◆ SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me no. 191, vs 1

**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.**

MUSIC *The Gift of Love* Hal H. Hopson
Summer Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26: 17 - 20, 26 - 30 CEB

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?" He replied, "Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, 'The teacher says, "My time is near. I'm going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover. That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom." Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives.

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Realm, or by dropping it off at our office.
Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
arr. Krapf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS nos. 618, 620, 640

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Go Forth for God* no. 670, vs. 1, 2, 4

BENEDICTION /SENDING FORTH

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength*
Hughes

Bold text indicates congregational response.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message: Rev. Mercedes Case
Liturgists: Rev. Allen Keller, Holly Grimm
Reader: Pete Rozea
Children's Message: Tim Case
Guest Summer Choir Director: Mike Muzzo
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,
Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,
Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith,
Steve Stouffer



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RETURN AT 10 AM
FALL SCHEDULE COMES BACK TO LIFE
BE HERE FOR THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY.
INVITE FRIENDS!

Children: (Contact Kelly at Kelly@umcwc.org)
ages 2 through Grade 5 - Rooms 4&5

Youth: (Contact Cory at Cory@umcwc.org)
Bible Study and Confirmation - Youth Room

Adults: (Contact Pastor Mercedes at Mercedes@umcwc.org)
Mustard Seed - Room 12 Upper Room - Chapel Seekers - Room 7 (Resumes Sept. 15)



SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES
Building a Beautiful Neighborhood
Sept. 8: Won't You Be My Neighbor?
Sept. 15: In Some Way We Are Different
Sept. 22: Look for the Helpers



UMCWC United Women in Faith
September General Meeting

Salad Supper

Tuesday, September 3, 6:00 pm, Fiesta Center

Please bring a dish to share - snack, entrée, side, dessert

Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm
and will include a program about Reconciling Ministries

All Women are welcome!

Please contact Jacqui Rothera at umcwcuwf@gmail.com if you



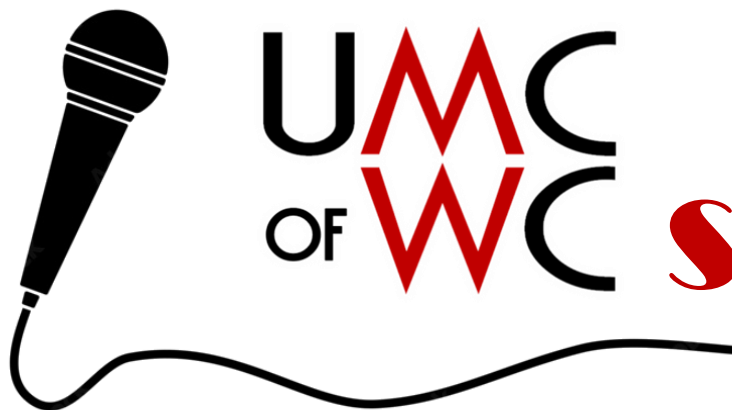
September 18
6:00 pm

Great food
for a
reasonable cost!

Wonderful
Fellowship!

Children's Choirs Resume

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



September 28
7:00 PM

Story Slam

Theme: "HOME"

A great evening of fun and fellowship!

Refreshments will be served.

Instructional Workshops will be offered on
Sunday, Sept. 15 from 12 - 2 pm and on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 7-9 pm.
Space is limited. Sign up at umcwc.org.

Contact Luanne Sims (Luanne@umcwc.org) if you have questions.

Come and share your story!