

August 16, 2026



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Praising the Almighty* Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who have gathered from the busyness of life.

We come seeking God's presence.

Come, all who are weary and all who are hopeful. **God welcomes us with grace.**

Hear the promise of the Lord: *"You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace."*

We long for that joy and peace.

Lift your eyes! The mountains sing. The trees clap their hands.

We join creation's song of praise.

God is renewing hearts, restoring lives, and making all things new.

We come to worship with grateful hearts.

Let us worship the One whose joy sends us into the world with hope.

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 400

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

OPENING PRAYER

God of joy and peace, You invite us to come to you with open hearts and willing spirits. Quiet our distractions, renew our hope, and fill us with the joy that comes from your presence. As we worship today, shape us by your Word and send us into the world to share your love wherever we go. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 *Down to the river to pray* Traditional
Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:6-13

MESSAGE *Joy That Sends Us Out*

REFLECTION SONG

Gratitude

Brandon Lake

**All my words fall short. I got nothing new.
How could I express all my gratitude?
I could sing these songs as I often do,
but every song must end, and You never do.**

Chorus:

**So I throw up my hands and praise
You again and again.
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah!
And I know it's not much,
but I've nothing else fit for a King,
except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**I've got one response. I've got just one move.
With my arm stretched wide I will worship You.**

Chorus

**So come on, my soul,
Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.**

**Oh, come on, my soul,
Oh, don't you get shy on me.**

**Lift up your song
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.**

Chorus

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Pastorate Sammartini/Wolff

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

Blessed Be Your Name Matt Redman

**Blessed be Your name,
in the land that is plentiful.
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your Name.**

**Blessed be Your name,
when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out I'll
turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in,
Lord still I will say...**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be Your glorious name!**

**Blessed be Your name,
when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's all as it should be,
blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name,
on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out I'll
turn back to praise.**

**When the darkness closes in,
Lord still I will say...**

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be Your glorious name!

You give and take away.

You give and take away.

**My heart will choose to say, Lord,
blessed be Your name!**

(repeat)

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be Your glorious name!

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, remember the promise of God: You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace. Go with hearts that are full of hope. Go with eyes that notice God's goodness. Go with hands ready to serve and words ready to encourage. May your joy be contagious. May your peace be evident. May your life become a testimony to the grace of the One who goes before you. And may the blessing of God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—go with you today, and remain with you always. Go out with joy. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Dr. Truman Brooks
Liturgist: Rev. Mercedes Case, Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Pete Rozea
Message for Growing Christians: Tim Case
Summer Choir and Praise Team Director:
 Jeannie Nelson
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark, Brad Rush,
 Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

Education and Growth Opportunities

Regular Sunday School Classes resume in September.

Summer Opportunities

Children's Sunday Fun Day (Rm 6, lower level) 9:15 AM

Upper Room (Chapel) 11:00 AM

Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
(Resumes in September)

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group Contact Cory Smith (Cory@umcwc.org)
to get emails about summer events

Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds
through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

All Choirs resume in September.

Chancel Choir (Adults) Thursdays at
6:30 PM

Men's Ensemble Once a
month

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
(Resumes in September)

Wednesday Night Out Dinner Wednesdays at 5:45 PM
(Resumes in September)

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*

Ongoing Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

Items for ACTnow - We are collecting the following items
that ACTnow is in need of for their community cupboard:
shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap,
toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose
cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper,
and paper towels. These are items that are not available
at other food cupboards. Items can be placed at the
table in the gathering area.

Unused hotel toiletries needed - Items go to Ronald
McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army.
Place items in the basket in the Gathering Area.

Pop Tabs - We are collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald
House. These tabs are recycled to generate funds for
local chapters, helping to pay for essential services and
operating costs for families staying there. Pop tabs can
be placed in the receptacle 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).



The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs,
beverages, and paper products. Please bring a
side dish or dessert according to your last name
(A-K: side dish, L-Z: Dessert)

Sign up at umcwc.org or in the Gathering Area.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Recap on Honduras Mission Trip - Join Pastor Cyndi and
Brian Krug in the chapel following the worship service on
August 30. They will share pictures and stories from their
recent trip to Honduras.

ActNow is especially in need of the following items: toilet
paper, paper towels, canned tuna and chicken, tooth
paste, and bar soap. Donations can be placed in the
basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your help.

The Journey Home - Film Screening and Conversation -
Thursday, Sept. 10, 6-8:30 pm at Madeleine Wing Adler
Theatre, 817 S. High Street. *The Journey home* is a documen-
tary film that explores the lived experiences of veterans, the
impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder(PTSD), and the
vital role of community healing. Sponsored by CC Suicide
Prevention Partnership and WC University. Pick up a flyer in
the Gathering Area for more info.

Stephen Ministry training class beginning this fall! This
distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics
such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in
caregiving, and grief, focusing on how to provide care
while God cures. Please contact Kelly@umcwc.org if you
are interested and would like to have more information!

**Salvation Army Dinner Teams and Sunday Night Safe
Harbor Meal Teams** are forming for September 2026 -
August 2027. We serve the first and fifth Saturdays of each
month at Salvation Army and the first Sunday at Safe
Harbor. Salvation Army teams require a commitment of
four meals per year and Safe Harbor three times a year.
Sign up at the round table in the Gathering Area. Contact
Karen Herr at jwherr@verizon.net if you have questions.

Oct 24 - UWF Church Bazaar and bake sale - We are
looking for crafters to donate their creations for us to sell.
We are also looking for gently used or new household items
for our gift shop and "free" flea market; fashion accessories
(jewelry, purses, scarves); children's toys; sporting goods;
and games. No clothing, furniture, electronics or books are
wanted! Please contact Sue Oliver, 610-745-3324 with any
questions.

Men's Retreat-Save the date! October 2-3 at Gretna Glen.
Fun, fellowship, faith, and even a ropes course (if you
dare). Sign up on the church website. Contact Ed
Olsavicky (484-883-3025) for more information.

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).