



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Minor, BWV 558* Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, for the Spirit is on the move—
in every place, on every path.

**God invites us to journey with curiosity and
compassion.**

What is familiar to us may be unfamiliar to someone else.

**Yet God calls us to make space, to welcome,
to listen.**

With open hearts, let us offer hospitality and peace.

**In our welcoming, love expands and
understanding deepens.**

So let us walk together in faith, trusting that God nudges
and guides us still.

**We come to worship the One who journeys with us.
Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN Worship & Song No. 3152

Welcome

**Let's walk together for awhile
and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow
and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing
and to plant the seeds of peace, singing**

Refrain:

**Welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let's talk together of a time
when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel
to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table
as we join our hands to pray, singing**

Refrain

**Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing,
every creature lifts its voice, crying**

Refrain

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 return to the
familiar in fear rather than promise. Forgive us when
we turn inward rather than become the hosts you
call us to be. Guide us as we seek to turn around
toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know this: Jesus' welcome is always there. He stokes
the flames of love and invites us to gather 'round,
filling our emptiness, calming our fear, making
home for all. He is our constant companion, inviting
us to reach out in care to one another, traveling
together toward the Kin-dom of Love. In the name
of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

BAPTISM *Madelyn Elizabeth Oliver*

Introduction to the Service

Presentation of the Candidate

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Congregational Reaffirmation and Commitment

For all of you here...

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 Madelyn now before you in
your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Madelyn with a community of
love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her
service to others. We will pray for her, that she
may be a true disciple who walks in the way
that leads to life.**

The flowers on the Lord's Table are presented to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Madelyn Elizabeth Oliver by the Oliver and Greenly families.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Cheryl Brown
Message for Growing Christians: Jacqui Rothera
Summer Choir Director: Tom Sabatino
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,
Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,
Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School (Meets in room 7 at 9:30 am)

Youth Sunday School (Meets in the Youth Room at 9:30 am)

Upper Room Adult Sunday School Class (Meets in the Chapel at 11 am)

SUMMER CHOIR (Rehearses on Sundays at 9:30 am in room 10)

YOUTH GROUP - Contact Cory Smith to get emails about summer events

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Wednesdays at 7:30 am in the chapel)

SUNSHINE MEMORY CAFÉ (Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fiesta Center)

Salvation Army Dinner Teams and Sunday Night Safe Harbor Meal Teams are forming for September 2025-August 2026. 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. Thanks for your participation.

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 or use the QR code. New items will be added as needed.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, July 20

11:00 PM - Upper Room Class (Chapel)

5:00 PM - El Buen Sunday School

6:00 PM - El Buen Worship

Monday, July 21

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

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

Tuesday, July 22

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café

Wednesday, July 23

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

6:30 PM - Prayer Journey

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

Saturday, July 26

8:00 PM - El Buen Prayer Vigil (rm 10)

Please pray this week for our youth and leaders who are participating in the Youth Summer Service & Learning Trip. They are working with the Appalachia Service Project in Cocke County Tennessee aiding in the Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look at what's new in our children's library!! - Come see the display in the Gathering Area of the new books for the Children's Library!! We have some very interesting titles for our new Parenting Shelf and more children's books for all ages. Sally Bopp will be at the table to answer any questions.

Summer Choir - No experience necessary. The choir will practice at 9:30 am each Sunday before the worship service. All adults and youth are welcome. If you like to sing, join us.

Special Class, "Our Methodist Roots" - Taught by Pastor Cyndi, this four week class will be held from 11:15 am—12 noon on Sundays, Aug. 3, 10, 24, and 31. This class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about our Methodist heritage. Anyone interested in becoming a church member should also plan to attend.

Trip to the Biblical Tabernacle - Saturday, August 9, The Tabernacle reproduction is located at the Mennonite Life Visitors Center, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster. The tour is at 10 am and costs \$11. You can drive yourself to the center, or carpool with others. Carpool arrangements will be arranged as we get closer to August 9th. The Tabernacle is a full scale reproduction of the biblical Hebrew tabernacle in the wilderness. It is especially meaningful for those who have taken Disciple classes. Sign up on the church website, or in the Gathering Area.

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.

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.