



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Air en Echo* de la Lande/Wolff

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sojourning God meets us on every path—
Calling us to walk with curiosity and compassion.
 In a world of deep divisions,
God opens our hearts to the depth of our shared humanity.

Let us come, ready to listen, ready to see,
that what we love, others love too.
 Come, let us bear one another's burdens and
 share in God's love.
With open hearts, we worship the God who guides our steps.

OPENING HYMN No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 forget your hospitality, and the call to extend it to others. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know this: The cup of grace is extended to us already and always. At our moments of isolation, Jesus offers invitation and relationship. He is our constant companion, inviting us to meet and companion one another, traveling together toward the Kingdom 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

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 Psalm 146

ANTHEM *The Summons* Sondra K. Tucker
Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-9

MESSAGE *The Encounter*

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 *Praying for You* Sankey/Schram

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Holy Living God 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.

God of Grace, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you. Your delight filled the skies and land with colors beyond the spectrum of our knowing. Your playful creating offered up humankind with such diversity that we cannot comprehend it. Your breath left waters frothy and lungs exploding with the power of life and prophetic

utterances. And yet we back away from such promise, unable to claim your love as ours. But here you are to meet us—speak to us—once again, always faithful, always present with us. And so, together we proclaim the praise-filled truth of your glory along with all the saints:

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Blest are they who come in your name!

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He proclaimed freedom for the bound, justice for the oppressed, grace for the lost, love for the prodigal. By the power of this message and the surprise of resurrection in the face of death, the world is immersed again in the baptism of love and redemption. Through the life and ministry of Jesus, we can imagine and live into a Kingdom of love.

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, we remember... We offer ourselves ... We claim a new freedom in this truth...

Christ has died, yet Christ is risen;

Christ has died, yet Christ is risen;

Christ will come a-gain in glory

Hosanna in the highest!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the vision of your reign realized, so that we may be for the world, your dream come true. By your Spirit open us to each other and to the world, making us one in you, through Christ, in the power of your redeeming Grace!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 618

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN (Worship and Song) No. 3154

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide (2x)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side,

draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (2x)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side,

draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (2x)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

BENEDICTION

As you encounter others, especially those not in your immediate circles, may you be aware that these very moments are spiritual acts 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

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Jacqueline Rush
Message for Growing Christians: Kristi Largoza
Summer Choir Director: Tom Sabatino
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Pianist: Joe Buglio
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)

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.

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).

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).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, July 6

5:00 PM - El Buen Sunday School

6:00 PM - El Buen Worship

Monday, July 7

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

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

Tuesday, July 8

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café

Wednesday, July 9

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

6:30 PM - Prayer Journey

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

Saturday, July 11

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.