

September 20, 2026

BOTH/AND

Real people don't
neatly fit into boxes

In a world of either/or
we have a both/and faith



WELCOME

Chorus

PRELUDE *To Greet the Morning* Paxton

**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,**

Chorus

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world is the world, and you are you.
Bring us clarity, O God –
**to see the places where this definition is
important, and where it is a growing edge.**

Brings us peace, O God –
**as we walk this path towards better
understanding all that you are and the
places you can be found.**

Forgive us, O God –
**when we stumble along that path and in
doing so hurt the other.**

Send your Holy Spirit to us, O God –
**that we may see your world of contrasts
and differences as
you do. Beautiful, beheld, and beloved.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of all creation, you are present in places
we call sacred and in places we overlook.
Open our eyes as you opened Peter's,
and free us from the boundaries we draw too
quickly. Help us recognize your grace in
unexpected people and places, so that we
may see the whole world as beautiful,
beheld, and beloved by you. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN (W&S) 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 seed of peace, singing,**

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 *If ye love me* Thomas Tallis
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 10:9-16

MESSAGE *Sacred and Secular*

**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,**

Chorus:

**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.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN TFWS NO. 2152

Change My Heart, O God

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 of-
fice. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY Air Mouret

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 HYMN TFWS NO. 2158

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

BENEDICTION

Go now with your eyes open to the
presence of God—in the sacred and the
ordinary, the familiar and the unexpected.
May the Spirit challenge the boundaries
you have drawn, enlarge your understanding,
and help you recognize that no person
and no place is beyond the reach of
God's grace. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Open My Eyes

Scott/Taylor

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Scott Crary

Message for Growing Christians: Tim Case

Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Webb

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, Sept. 20

5:00 PM - Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

Monday, Sept. 21

6:30 PM - Lillian Circle (Chapel)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4))

Tuesday, Sept. 22

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café (Fiesta Center)

6:30 PM - UWF Executive Board (Chapel)

Wednesday, Sept. 23

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

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)

5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out Dinner

7:15 PM - Praise Team (Fiesta Center)

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir (Rm 12)

Thursday, Sept. 24

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5, lower level)

Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm, lower level)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12, lower level)

Seekers (Rm 7, lower level)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

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

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

Wednesday Night Out Dinner Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

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).

Prayer Needs - The full list of prayer concerns can be
found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Re-
quests 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).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

**Wednesday Night Out is back! This Wednesday,
September 23** Join us in the Fiesta Center at 5:45 pm for a
delicious dinner and wonderful fellowship. Cost: \$10/
adults, \$5/children.

We need volunteers to help with table set up, clean up,
help with food prep for Chef Tony, and dishwashers. Use
the link in the weekly email to sign up to help or contact
Beth Buglio (bbuglioumcwc@gmail.com).

BIBLE 101: NAVIGATING THE BIBLE (Via Zoom)-6 Week
Study: Mondays from 7-8PM, Oct. 5 - Nov 2. Have you
ever opened the Bible and wondered where to begin—
or how all its different books fit together? Bible 101 is a
six-week introduction designed for anyone who wants to
feel more comfortable navigating and understanding
Scripture. Together, we will explore the Bible's organization,
its unfolding story, its different kinds of writing, and faithful
ways to interpret it. No previous Bible study experience is
necessary. Bring your questions—and bring a Bible if you
have one. Contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org)
if you are interested in joining the study.

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. Contact Kelly@umcwc.org if you are
interested and would like to have more information!

**Fall clean up day - Saturday, October 10 from 8:30 am-
2:30 pm** We will be working inside and outside. Watch for
more details and sign-ups.

Rise Against Hunger Fundraisers—Please help us raise the
money needed for our 2027 meal packing event in January by
supporting these fundraisers:

Eagles Bucket is back! The bucket will be in the
Gathering Area each Sunday for you to drop your
coins (and dollars) in. Every penny helps.

Hoagie Sale - Sunday, October 18th. Order forms will
be available next Sunday. The cost is \$9 each.

Musical Gala - Saturday November 7 at 7 pm, Hors
d'oeuvres served in the gathering area before the
concert beginning at 6:00 pm. Join us for an evening of
sacred and secular music offered by local professional
musicians, exploring our theme of hunger - spiritual,
emotional, and physical. Come to hear about the
organization "Rise Against Hunger" and learn how you can
help! Suggested donation: \$25.

**UWF Fall Bazaar and bake sale—October 24 from 9 am-3
pm** crafts, gifts, jewelry, seasonal items, baked goods,
cheese, and more. All proceeds go to support United
Women in Faith outreach projects.

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

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Chester
County** is sponsoring a walk to raise awareness of the
mental health programs available in our area. The walk
will take place on Saturday, October 3 at Boot Road
Park beginning at 2:00 pm. Please consider walking or
making a donation. Go to namiwalks.org/chescopa to
register or to donate. More info is in the Gathering Area.