

June 7, 2026



How Can I Keep From Singing?

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Every Valley" from *Messiah* Handel
Ryan Hughes, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We come to worship with gladness and song.

Know that the Lord is God—

It is God who made us, and we belong to God.

We gather as one people, united in purpose and praise,

With one voice, we lift our songs together.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise.

We give thanks and bless God's holy name.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come, let us worship God—

And lift our voices in song and praise!

OPENING HYMN NO. 145 *Morning Has Broken*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have placed a song within us and called us together as one people. Receive our praise—in every voice, every note, every silence. Tune our hearts to your Spirit, that what we sing and hear today may draw us closer to you and to one another. In Christ's name, Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing? arr. Jeffrey Honoré
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100

MESSAGE *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The Old Church Stephen Paulus
Chancel Choir

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

Just As I Am

William Bradbury, arr. Robert Groth
Carillon Choir

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You spoke creation into being. You set the stars in their courses.

You gave rhythm to the seasons, melody to the birds, and breath to every living thing. When we turned away from your love, you did not abandon us. Through prophets, poets, musicians, and saints, you continued to call your people home.

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. In him your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He taught, healed, welcomed, and forgave. He gathered disciples and called ordinary people into the extraordinary work of your kingdom.

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 cup. 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 one another, 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 SONG AND HYMNS

Hear My Prayer Moses Hogan
Let Us Break Bread Together NO. 618
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether NO. 632

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

All the People Said Amen! Matt Maher

**You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven, and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus:

**And all the people said, "Amen."
Whoa, and all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."**

**If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong,
you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.**

**God knows we stumble and fall,
and he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all.**

Repeat Chorus

**Blessed are the poor in spirit
who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted
and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry
for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

Repeat chorus (2X)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Baba Yetu" (The Lord's Prayer) Christopher Tin
Chancel Choir; Jason Clark, Soloist

BENEDICTION

As you go from this place, carry the song with you—not only on your lips, but in your lives. May the God who created you in love fill your days with music and meaning. May Christ, who calls us together as one, be the harmony that guides you. And may the Holy Spirit give you the courage to sing—in joy, in hope, and even in the quiet moments. Go in peace, to live your song. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Mercedes Case
Reader: Valerie Douglas
Chancel Choir and Praise Team Director:
Jeannie Nelson
Carillon Choir Director: Dan Rotz
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

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Vacation Bible School - June 22-25, 6:00 - 8:30 PM, ages
4 yrs - grade 5. Optional FREE dinner each night at 5:15
PM. children and volunteers can register at umcwc.org.
Contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org) for more infor-
mation.

Women's Summer Fellowship Group - All women are
invited. Join us in the chapel on Wednesday mornings at
9:30 am. Along with the wonderful fellowship, you can
also learn to crochet, knit, and share in other crafts and
activities. Contact Anne Holton for more information
(610-324-4512)

Looking for a good book to read this summer? The United
Women in Faith Reading Group have chosen "The Lion
Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali. Pick up a copy
and then come to the Women's Back Porch Club on
August 11 for discussion.

Summer Choir begins July 5. - No experience necessary.
The choir will practice at 9:00 am each Sunday before
the worship service. If you like to sing, join us.

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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).



Join us for some joyful
opportunities of
fellowship and fun
over the summer.

June 18 - Story Slam hosted by Luanne Sims, Side
Bar Restaurant, 10 E. Gay St. Doors open at 6:30 pm
(if you want to order food). Stories begin at 7:30 pm.
The theme is "Embarrassing Moments".

July 24 - Willington Blue Rocks Baseball Game -
The Chancel Choir (and anyone else who wants to sing)
will be singing The National Anthem. Tickets for the
game are \$16 and can be purchased at
bluerocks.com/group-portal. Log in using the group
passcode: UMCWC

September 13 - Church Picnic at West Goshen Park.
Worship in the park begins at 10 am followed by food
and fun. More details coming.

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