

October 19, 2025

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE MEANING AND POWER
OF THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT



Lead Us...Deliver Us



WELCOME

PRELUDE

Cortege

Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus was led into the wilderness,

to face hunger, testing, and temptation.

We come today, longing for strength in our struggles,

and courage to resist what pulls us away from God.

When trials come, God is near.

When evil threatens, Christ is our deliverer.

Come, people of God, let us worship the One who leads us and saves us.

We worship the Lord our God, who is faithful and true!

OPENING HYMN NO. 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, you know the wilderness places we face—the struggles that drain us, the temptations that deceive us, the shadows that frighten us. Lead us not into despair, but deliver us from all that would separate us from your love. Strengthen us in this hour of worship, so that we may walk faithfully with Christ, trusting the power of your Spirit to guide, protect, and sustain us. Through Jesus Christ, our Deliverer, we pray. 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

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

MESSAGE *The Lord's Prayer:
Lead Us...Deliver Us*

PRAYER HYMN NO. 521
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING
*You may give your offering by text -
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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 *For All the Saints* arr. Bill Ingram
Carillon Choir

OFFERING 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. 2191
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

BENEDICTION
Go now, strengthened by the Spirit of Christ.
Resist the tempter's voice, stand firm in
God's truth, and walk in the power of love.
And may the blessing of God—Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer—be with you,
and deliver you from every evil, now and
always. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Be Thou My Vision*
arr. Sewell

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Jacqui Rothera
Message for Growing Christians: Jacqui Rothera
Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Nelson
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Carillon Choir Director: Dan Rotz
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,
Jake Joslin, Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush,
Cory Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, October 19

8:45 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Worship Café (Fiesta Center)
5:30 PM - Youth Group (Youth Room)

Monday, October 20

6:30 PM - Lillian Circle (Chapel)
7:00 PM - Digital Disciple I (via Zoom)
7:00 PM - El Buen Men/Women's Group (Rm 7)
7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)
7:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 AM - Mary Jean Circle (Chapel)
1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café (Fiesta Center)
6:30 PM - SPRC (Chapel)

Wednesday, October 22

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out Dinner
6:30 PM - Digital Disciple III (Chapel)
6:30 PM - Children's Choir (Rm 10)
7:30 PM - Carillon Choir Rm 12)
8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study (Rm 10)

Thursday, October 23

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5)

Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12)

Seekers (Rm 7)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group

Sundays at 6:00 PM

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

Junior Choir (3rd-5th grade)

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,

at Gramm's Diner 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

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

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/3CN8BFI6LR8GO?ref_=abls_nvfly_yl New items will be added as needed.

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. Requests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive the prayer link contact Luanne Sims (lsimsumcwc@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Women in Faith have spinach tortellini soup and also cheese for sale. Purchase in the Gathering Area following the 8:45 am worship service.

Act in Faith Fundraiser "Concert in the Cupboard" -

Saturday, October 25, 6:30-9:00 pm, 10 W. Barnard Street. (Tickets are \$50 per person (discount for groups of 4 or more). Includes light dinner and dessert. Good music, good food, good cause. Order tickets at www.actinfaithgwc.org.

United Women in Faith - Join us on Nov. 11, at 6:30 pm in room 10 for a presentation by Sara Wein, executive director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Chester County. Everyone is invited to come and learn about this important organization and the services they offer for individuals with mental health conditions and for the families who have a loved one with a mental health condition.

Interested in becoming a member of UMCWC? Please join us for a New Member Gathering on Sunday, November 9th, immediately following the 11:00 AM service. A light lunch will be provided. This will be a time to learn more about our church, meet others who are joining, and ask any questions you may have. If you are planning to join, we ask that you attend this session so we can walk with you through the process together.

Get your picture taken for our new Directory - Pictures will be taken in the Gathering Area over the next several weeks, following the 8:45 am worship service and also on Wednesdays during Wednesday Night Out. No appointment necessary. Just bring your family and your smile. Someone will also be there to update your contact information if needed.

Eagles "Bird Food" Trail mix is available for purchase today in the Gathering Area. \$5 per bag. Proceeds go to Rise Against Hunger.

The "Eagles Bucket" will be in the church each Sunday during the fall. This is an easy way to support our Rise Against Hunger event. Drop in your loose change, or dollars. Nothing is too small or too big. Every amount donated brings us closer to our \$14,000 goal.

Christmas Cards for Prisoners - Help brighten someone's Christmas by signing a Christmas card for someone in prison. It's easy to do.

-Cards and instructions are in the basket on the round table in the Gathering Area. (Please do not use any other type of card. It will not be accepted)

-Using a ballpoint pen, write a holiday greeting on the card and sign just your first name only.

-Place the signed cards in the return basket on the round table.

-Cards must be returned to the church by Nov. 2.

Thank you for helping with this outreach!