

February 1, 2026

FRESH START



When Freedom Touches Us

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Verset in C* Boelmann/Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you woke us up this morning to see a new day.

We thank you!

You give us our daily bread.

We thank you, O God.

When we are ill - **You heal us.**

In our life journey, when we are lost -

You rescue us, O God.

When we are troubled or grieving -

You embrace us and console us.

What seems impossible for us, O God,
you wondrously perform.

**We thank you. For all you have done, are doing,
and will do for us, we are grateful, O God. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you draw near to us with mercy and hope, yet we confess that we do not always recognize when freedom touches us. Like the woman in the crowd, we carry wounds we have hidden for far too long. We long for healing, yet fear being seen. We reach for wholeness, yet cling to habits, fears, and shame that bind us. Too often, we define ourselves by what is broken rather than trusting the life you are already restoring. We ask for your help, yet struggle to believe that your grace is meant for us. Forgive us, gracious God. Release us from all that holds us captive. Teach us to trust your healing presence, to step out of the shadows, and to open our hearts to the freedom you offer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: When freedom touches us, Christ does not pass us by. Jesus says, "*Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace.*" Go in peace, knowing you are forgiven and free. 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

Luke 8:42b-48

ANTHEM

Come with a grateful heart

Lynn Shaw Bailey

Chancel Choir and Junior Choir

MESSAGE

When Freedom Touches Us

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTER

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

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart

Chancel 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 formed us in your image and breathed into
us the breath of life. When we turned away,
and our love failed, your love remained
steadfast. You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets,

who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 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 he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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 wine. 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 each other, 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 for ever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. 620, 87, 640

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN No. 77

How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION

As you go from this place, may you trust that Christ meets you in the crowd of everyday life. May freedom touch you where you are wounded, weary, or afraid. May what has bound you loosen its grip, and what has kept you hidden be brought into the light of grace. Go in peace—seen, named, and made whole. And may the love of God, the healing presence of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you, dwell within you, and set you free. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Raise the Song on High

Scott

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Liturgists: Rev. Mercedes Case, Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Brian Rotz

Message for Growing Christians: Kristi Largoza

Chancel Choir and Junior Choir Director:

Jeannie Nelson

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark, Brad Rush,
Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

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

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

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, 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

ACT Now (formerly Act In Faith) - Items for their Community Cupboard can be dropped off at the table in the Gathering Area. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, all purpose cleaner, and laundry detergent are needed, as these items are not available at other cupboards.

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.

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). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Soup Sale ! United Women in Faith are now taking orders for spinach tortellini soup (pick up date Feb. 8) and chicken vegetable and sausage with vegetables and beans (pick up date Feb. 22). Cost is \$10/quart. Order in the Gathering Area. Proceeds go to support the various outreach and mission projects of UWF.

United Women in Faith February Meeting - Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 PM. All women are invited to join us in room 10 for an evening of fellowship and a program which will be presented by The Care Center Foundation. Contact Jackie Rush (jackierush16@gmail.com) for more information.

Lenten Devotional - We will be publishing a daily devotional book written by members of the congregation that you can use during your journey of Lent. Would you be willing to write one these short devotions based on a scripture that will be provided? You can see the scripture readings and sign up on our website - umcwc.org.

Parking Tags - New parking tags for 2026 have been ordered and will be distributed as soon as we get them. Please continue to use the current tags until then.

Parish Hall Kitchen Fundraiser "Truffles & Bubbles"—Sunday, Feb. 15, 3-5 pm, Location: 10 W. Barnard St., \$100/person, \$150/couple. Roll and coat your own batch of truffles and enjoy your creations while sipping 3 bubbly pairings. Use the QR code for tickets.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, February 1

5:00 PM - Web Dance (Youth Room)

Monday, February 2

7:00 PM - Digital Disciple I (via Zoom)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

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)

Thursday, February 5

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir