

January 19, 2025



Release Into Rest

PRELUDE *Musette* Handel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, today may be released so that we can rest.

We come seeking rest for our minds, hearts and souls.

Lay down your fears and anxieties.

We come to release the weight that stretches us too thin.

God meets us here, offering rest and renewal.

We come, ready to be restored in God's presence.

OPENING HYMN no. 377
It is Well With My Soul

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we are often stretched to our limits, trying to do it all. Today, we release into Your compassion. Renew us as we rest in Your presence, reminding us that we are already simply loved. Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* no. 191, vs 1

**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.**

BAPTISM Brayden Anthony DePhillips
(See Insert)

Baptism Song "God Claims You"

TFWS no. 2249, vs.1, 2

**"Braydon, Braydon," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you,
and loves you too.**

**We this day do all agree
A child of God you'll always be.**

**"Braydon, Brayden," God claims you,
God helps you protects you,
and loves you too.**

**We your family love you so,
We vow to help your faith to grow.**

**"Brayden, Brayden," God claims you,
God helps you, protects you,
and loves you too.**

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:1-9

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of

water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

ANTHEM *It is Well With My Soul*
arr. John Ness Beck

MESSAGE *Release Into Rest*

PRAYER HYMN no. 351
Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *Preamble* Vierne

OFFERING RESPONSE no. 87, vs. 4

**This gift we now bring,
this present, this token,
these words can convey it,
the joy of this day!
When grateful we come,
remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, as we offer these gifts, may they bring rest and renewal to those who need it most. Use them to spread Your love and peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN TFWS no. 2146
His Eye Is on the Sparrow

BENEDICTION

Go now in the peace of God who calls you to rest. May you find stillness beneath the shelter of divine wings, like Elijah under the broom tree, and may you hear the gentle whisper of God's presence even in your weariness. May the Spirit renew your strength, the Son guide your steps, and the Father cradle you in love, until you rise again, refreshed and ready for the journey ahead. Go in grace, rest deeply, and live fully. Amen.

POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock*
Bradbury/Broughton

Bold text indicates congregational response

Today we welcome into our church family through baptism, Brayden Anthony DePhillips, son of Grant and Michelle DePhillips.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Mercedes Case,
Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Nancy Holland
Message for Growing Christians:
Jacqui Rothera
Chancel Choir Director: Tom Sabatino
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,
Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,
Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith,
Steve Stouffer

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

**Monday, January 20, 2025
9:00 AM**

Registration forms to sign up for the event are in the Gathering Area next to the RAH Eagles' bucket. You can also sign up online at umcwc.org.

Come join the fun!

****Strong helpers are needed at 7:30 am on Jan. 20 to unload the RAH Truck. Please let Pastor Merc know if you can help.****

Thank You! WE MADE OUR GOAL!!!
Thank you to everyone who donated toward Rise Against Hunger. Because of your generosity we will be packing over 34,000 meals for those in need all over the world.

The new parking hangers for 2025 have arrived.

If you park in one on the leased spots Monday - Thursday during the hours of 8 AM-8 PM or Friday during the hours of 8 AM - 6 PM you must display one of the tags in your car or you will be ticketed. The suggested donation for each new hanger is **\$5**. Please bring your current hanger to the church office (Mon-Thurs, 9 Am - 5 PM) to receive a new one. If you aren't available during those hours, contact Sue in the church office (610-692-5190)(shaughumcwc@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.



****Please remember that if you are parked any later than the hours listed above, you must pay for parking.**

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 19
8:45 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Sunday School
2 yrs - Grade-5 (4,5),
Grades 6-12 (YR),
Adults (Chapel, 7, 12)
11:00 AM - Worship Café
6:00 PM - El Buen Worship

**Monday, January 20
(Office Closed)**
9:00 AM - Rise against Hunger
Meal Packing Event
6:00 PM - Youth Group
6:30 PM - Lillian Circle

7:00 PM - Disciple 4 (Zoom)
7:00 PM - Narcotics
Anonymous
7:00 PM - El Buen Men/Women
7:30 PM - Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 21
10:00 AM - Mary Jean Circle
1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café

Wednesday, January 22
7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study
9:30 AM - Women's Bible
Study
5:45 PM - Wednesday
Night Out

6:00 PM - Stephen Ministry
Training
6:30 PM - Digital Disciple
6:30 PM - Prayer Journey Group
6:30 PM - Children's Choirs
7:15 PM - Praise Band
7:30 PM - Carillon Choir
Thursday, January 23
6:30 PM - Chancel Choir
Saturday, January 25
8:00 PM - El Buen Prayer Vigil