

# Welcome to Philadelphia UMC

July 7, 2024

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

#### **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

#### **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

#### **Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us Beloved in the fullness of who we are.

**May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2024.*

\*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH #881

**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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 123

Louise Moss

## PRAYERS, PRAISE, AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

SERMON "Strength from Weakness" Rev. Melissa Shortridge

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*see insert*)

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

\*HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship at Philadelphia United Methodist Church!  
We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

## Opportunities This Week

**\*\*Summer Barnabus bags are in the vestibule and ready to be filled for our shut-ins!\*\***

## Upcoming Events

July 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm-8:00pm, McConnells Back to School Bash at McConnells Community Center, 209 Church St. McConnells, SC  
\*\*PUMC will be serving free hotdogs\*\*

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**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meets in the Fellowship Hall at Philadelphia UMC on Tuesdays and Fridays each week at 7:00pm.

**Yoga/Pilates** classes are offered each week on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Philadelphia UMC. There is a \$5 charge per class.

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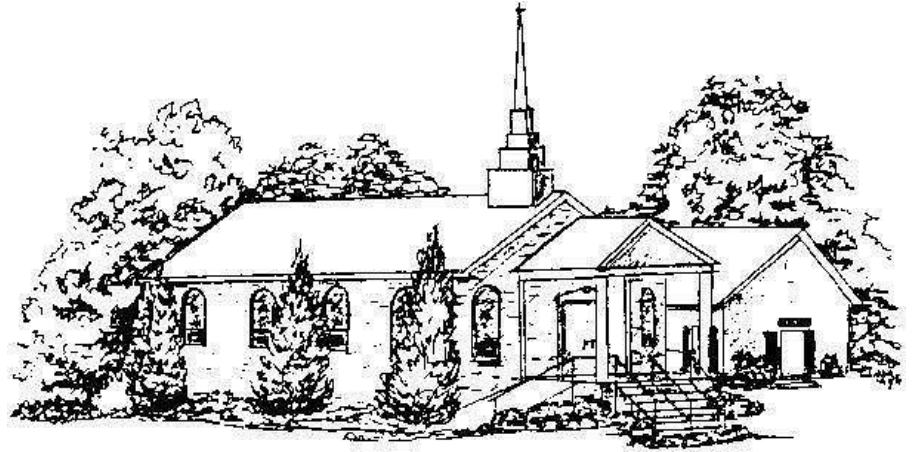
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**2024 Weekly Budget Needs \$1,895.00    Received 6/30/2024 \$1,203.00**

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	<b><u>July 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>July 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Liturgist	Louise Moss	Peggy Sandifer
Ushers	Wayne Sandifer & Mike Wiley	Maddox Dover & Gerin Knight
Greeter	Kandi Peterson	Mary Miskelly
Communion Assistant	<b><u>July</u></b> Wayne Sandifer	<b><u>August</u></b> Helen Lewis

\*\*Please send any announcements for the bulletin and/or calendar to Katie Knight, [katieknight719@gmail.com](mailto:katieknight719@gmail.com) or (803)627-9458 by Wednesday of each week.



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*Our Mission:*

**Knowing, Loving, Serving God  
and Neighbor**