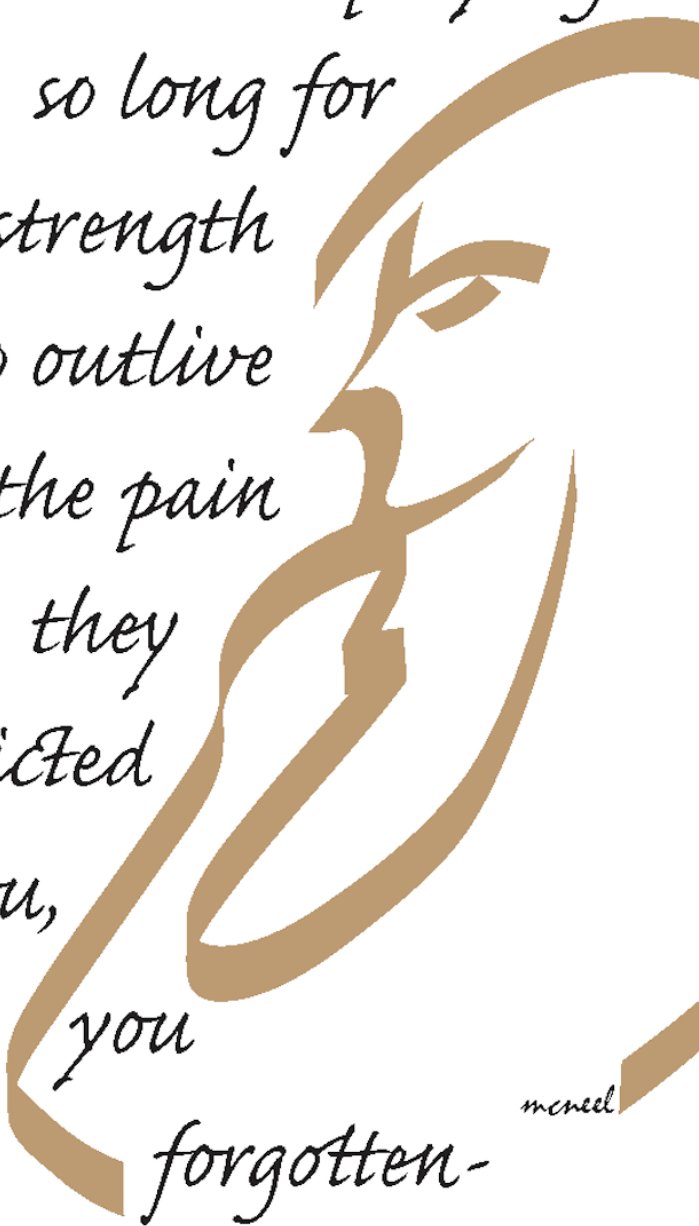


You have been praying
so long for
the strength
to outlive
the pain
they
inflicted
on you,
that you
have forgotten-
-you are already strong.



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Welcome To All Coming To Worship!

All people of all ages are invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church. We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

SEEDS - Seeds Upon The Wind

Carillon Prelude

Janet Tebbel

"Variations on Kingsfold" by Brian Mathias

Greeting and Acknowledgments

As a faith congregation, we acknowledge that this is a pivotal moment in American history and that our mission is clearly laid out in the Gospel of Jesus.

We acknowledge our mission to:

- seek justice for black and brown people of all genders and orientations
- dismantle systems of bias and racism
- call out those who protect the power of state-sponsored violence against black and brown bodies,
- and re-center the voices of the marginalized of our community and society.

We acknowledge our part in perpetuating white norms of language, style, worship, behavior, and culture, and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the truth that Black Lives Matter.

We acknowledge that this service of worship is being held on the traditional lands of the Lenape people, and we pay respect to elders past and present.

We affirm the sacredness of Native people, their languages, their cultures and their gifts to the church and the world.

Prelude

Jodi Acker Bohr, organ

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" arr. by Diane Bish

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

One: We are pulled in many directions.

All: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

One: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

All: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

One: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

All: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 64 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
(v. 1 in Spanish, then. 1, 2, and 4 in English)

Invitation to Passing the Peace

All young ones and young at heart are welcome to come forward during this time for the children's message.

Children's Message and Morning Prayer

Sung Response

TFWS 2226 - Bind Us Together

Gathered Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother-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. Lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Please feel free to be seated during the postlude as a last act of worship or to move into your day if need be. We are so glad you are here and warmly invite you to join us for a Potluck Linger Lunch in Pilling Hall immediately following the service.

Contemporary Reading

Your Village by Elana Bell
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Readings Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25
(see insert for full text)

Sermon Rev. Noe Gabe Lopez
"The Consequences of Our Actions"

The flowers on the altar today are given by Alan Ankeny in memory of his parents Donald C. Ankeny and Kathryn M. Ankeny

Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
TFWS 2216 - When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

Bruce McNeel, cover design
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Mandonnah Mahalatti, tech
John Bustard, tech
Ann Perrone, tech

Connections and Offering

Offertory Anthem FUMCOG Choir
"Praise His Holy Name", by Keith Hampton

Doxology *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 94 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering Prayer

Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which is hurting. In your loving name we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
TFWS 2219 - Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

Benediction

Postlude Jodi Acker Bohr, piano
"More Than Wonderful" by Lanny Wolfe,
arr. by Mark Hayes

Weekly Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sun, Nov 12	9:30am	Adult Academy - Reparations Conversation -Freedom and Carrie
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service - Rev. Gabe preaching
	12:15pm	Potluck Linger Lunch
	3:00pm	Drama Group Presents <i>Lysistrata</i>
Mon, Nov 13	9:00am	Walking Group
Tue, Nov 14	4:00pm	Black Lives Matter Vigil at UUC of Germantown
Wed, Nov 15	9:30am	Holy Trouble
	1:30pm	Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00pm	FUMCOG Scouts
Thur, Nov 16	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Nov 17	4:00pm	Ukraine Vigil at UUC of Germantown
	8:00pm	Drama Group Presents <i>Lysistrata</i>
Sat, Nov 18	10:00am	Charge Conference at First UMC of Lansdale
	11:00am	Julia Daniels Memorial Service
	8:00pm	Drama Group Presents <i>Lysistrata</i>
Sun, Nov 19	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service - Rev. Jackie Newsome preaching
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
	3:00pm	Drama Group Presents <i>Lysistrata</i>

Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, November 18th. The meeting will take place at First UMC of Lansdale, located at 300 N. Broad Street Lansdale, PA 19446, with Rev. Brad Leight presiding. This meeting will ONLY be in person. All are invited to come for our church business meeting. Email Pastor Gabe with questions (lopez@fumcog.org).

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Director of Music Daniel Jackson • **Office Administrator** Michael Yancey

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