

WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here in worship today! Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or you're here every week, we want to help you take your next step in faith.

ON THE CALENDAR

Visit mdumc.org/events to find registration details and for a full list of all upcoming opportunities to connect!



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I'M NEW HERE

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Stay up to date on important announcements and all that's happening in the life of the church. Visit mdumc.org to subscribe to our weekly e-mail news and have all the info delivered to your inbox every Friday, or text MDUMC to 71301 to receive our text alerts.

MDUMC KIDS

📧 mdumc.org/children ✉️ Allyson George | AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org

Children are welcome and celebrated in all worship services! Children are invited to Children's Time as a part of each worship service.

TAKING MY NEXT STEP

READY TO JOIN? | MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

✉️ | Kelly Cragg Vicente | KellyVicente@mdumc.org

Ready to call MDUMC home or ready to get involved? We're so glad to have you as part of the family. Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday or email KellyVicente@mdumc.org throughout the week to learn more about how to join or how to volunteer.

BAPTISM AT MDUMC

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We believe baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace marking us as the children of God. At MDUMC, we baptize adults through profession of faith and children as a sign of God's grace.

GIVING

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FALL LEARNING - STARTING SOON

This fall, deepen your faith and connect with others through new opportunities at MDUMC! From pastor-led Bible studies to groups for women, men, and families, there's something for everyone. Pick up a Learning at a Glance guide at the welcome desk or visit mdumc.org/learning to learn more. Questions? Contact DanyAttal@mdumc.org.

WOMEN'S DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 6 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - WESLEY HALL

Join us for a night out at the annual Women's Dinner on Monday, September 22 at 6 PM in Wesley Hall. We'll enjoy a delicious meal, plenty of laughter, and an uplifting message from comedian and speaker Lauren Lucille. Bring a friend, or come ready to make a new one! It's going to be fun, lighthearted, and full of joy. Reserve your spot now at mdumc.org/events, and if you have questions, just email CarrieNeal@mdumc.org.

GOD'S LOVE: A JOURNEY OF FAITH & JOY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 6 PM | WEST CAMPUS - THE JOURNEY

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we welcome Connor Tomlinson and Tanner Smith—stars of Netflix's hit series Love on the Spectrum—along with their incredible moms, Lise Menard Smith and Nicci Smith. These families have touched hearts across the world with their honesty, humor, and joy. Now, they're coming to MDUMC to share their stories and how God's love has shaped their journeys. Tickets go on sale tomorrow, **Monday, September 1 at 9 AM!** Set your alarms, spread the word, and secure your spot early at mdumc.org/events.

AN INVITATION TO SING IN NEW YORK CITY!

MARCH 30, 2026
DAVID GEFFEN HALL AT LINCOLN CENTER

The MDUMC Choir & Orchestra has been invited to perform at David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center in NYC, presenting Requiem by Heather Sorenson alongside renowned composer Ola Gjeilo. You're invited to sing in the choir—no experience needed! Rehearsals begin in the new year, with digital practice tools available. Learn more and reserve your spot at mdumc.org/newyork.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

9:30 & 11:00 AM



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to check in!



FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

Worshipping as a whole church family is one of the greatest joys we share! We know it can feel stressful for parents to bring children into worship, but we want you to know: **this is a welcoming space, and your children belong here.** Their voices, movement, and presence enrich our community.

Parents, you know your children best. Feel free to do what helps them feel comfortable, whether that's sitting up close so they can see, stepping out for a quick break, or engaging them in parts of the service. To support you, here are some practical tips we've found helpful:

GETTING READY FOR WORSHIP

- **Set expectations together.** Talk through what worship will look like in a simple, age-appropriate way.
- **Plan breaks wisely.** Encourage a restroom stop before or after service.
- **Practice the basics.** Remind kids: we stand when everyone stands, we pause when someone is praying, and we remember others are listening around us.
- **Choose a good seat.** Sit where your kids can easily see the front. Having a clear view often keeps them more engaged and less restless.

ENGAGE THEM IN SERVICE

- **Join in children's time.** Help them feel comfortable and connected when invited forward.
- **Model participation.** Sing, pray, and listen with enthusiasm—your kids will follow your lead.
- **Encourage curiosity.** Whisper short explanations, welcome their questions afterward, and celebrate their insights.
- **Praise positive behavior.** A little encouragement goes a long way in reinforcing good habits.

REMEMBER

Your children's presence in worship is a gift to the whole church. Their wiggles, questions, and laughter are all part of what makes us the body of Christ gathered together!

GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude.....Stephen Distad, organ | “O For a Thousand Tongues” - Arr. Dan Miller

*Welcome & Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise.....No. 539 | “O Spirit of the Living God”
No. 568 verses 1-3 | “Christ for the World We Sing”

Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881 | “The Apostles’ Creed”

Gloria Patri.....No. 70

HEAR & RESPOND

Children's Time.....Allyson George

Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 58:6-12

9:30 AM | Finlay Schrecengost

11 AM | Stephen Vicente

Anthem.....“Shine like the Sun” - arr. Black

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give

Offertory.....Tabytha Donnelly, soloist

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Funderburk

*Doxology.....No. 94

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon.....Rev. Kate Walker

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

*Closing Hymn.....“This Little Light of Mine”

*Benediction

Postlude.....Stephen Distad, organ | *"I Saw the Light" - Hank Williams*

* Please stand as you are able.

MATTHEW 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.” “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

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