

THE DIVINE SPARK



Haddonfield
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 9 AM
Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song *I've Got A Fire*

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cricket Denton

Worship Songs *I Know A Name*
King Of Kings

Sacrament of Baptism Taylor Elizabeth Burt and Tatum Hayes Burt

Prayer Jackie Vicari

Scripture Matthew 5:13-18 Pat Cornell

Sermon Series Bumper Video

Sermon Salt and Light Rev. Cricket Denton
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

Invitation for Offering Scott Vicari
See page 9 for ways to give.

Closing Song *What He's Done*

Closing Rev. Cricket Denton

*The Baptismal Font Ring of flowers is given in honor of the baptism
of Taylor Elizabeth Burt and Tatum Hayes Burt.*



Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

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Leona Layne Juchnevicius, Tatum Jane Dudas,
Janie Marie Moore, Owen Christopher Rexon

Baptismal Response (10:30)

Jesus Loves Me

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Ministry of Music

(8:00) *The Prayer of St. Francis*

text by St. Francis of Assisi, music by Allen Pote
Patty Fisher, soloist; Matt Smith, pianist

(10:30) *Be the Change*

music by Laura Farnell with "This Little Light of Mine"
Based on Texts by Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
& Matthew 5:15

Chancel Choir; Jackie Williams, pianist; Phil Fizur, percussionist

Pastoral Prayer

Matt Smith (8:00)

Rev. George Morris (10:30)

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-18
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Kathy Overholt (8:00)
Olivia Ferraro (10:30)

Sermon

Salt and Light
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

Rev. Cricket Denton

Invitation for Offering

Matt Smith (8:00)

Mary Louise Lavery (10:30)

See page 9 for ways to give.

Offertory (10:30)

Live Eternally

music and lyrics by Fred Robinson

Amy Boyd, Michelle Burrows, Jonathan D'Souza,
Owen Edmonston, Carol Richmond, Dan Robinson,
Fred Robinson, Alisyn Stoffel, vocalists; Matt Smith, pianist



***Doxology**

No. 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Cricket Denton (8:00)

Mary Louise Lavery (10:30)

***Hymn**

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

TFWS No. 2237

See page 7 for music.

***Benediction**

Rev. Cricket Denton

Benediction Response

May the Peace of God

Mark Burrows

Chancel Choir; Jackie Williams, pianist

Postlude

Postludium Circulaire

Harvey B. Gaul

Matt Smith, organist

*Please stand if able.

*The Congregation is dismissed after the Benediction Response.
Feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude.*

*Hearing-assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
Please see an usher for assistance.*

*The center altar flowers are given "in loving memory of
John Skay from his family."*

*The two side altar flower arrangements are given "in honor of
David Grayson's 90th birthday on May 18, from his family."*

*The Baptismal Font Ring of flowers is given in honor of the baptism of
Owen Christopher Rixon from his family."*

Saturday Night pianist: Susan Boyd



As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

F Bb/F F F/E Dm Dm/F Dm Bb C7/Bb Bb F

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing flame,
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re - newed,

F Bb/F F F/E Dm Dm/F F/C Bb C/Bb Bb F

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued.

C/E C C/E Dm Am F/A Bb Bbmaj7

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

C Dm Dm7/C Bb F/A Gm7 Am Bb F

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diancy of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

Congregation: Unison

See descant at No. 2128.

WORDS: Ruth Duck

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Weekly Prayer Focus - May 17, 2026

May Focus: The Sacred Spark

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of life and for the wonder woven through all you have made. As we reflect on creation, faith, and the world around us, deepen our awe and our gratitude. Teach us to honor the truth, cherish one another, and care faithfully for this world. Kindle in us a living faith shaped by reverence, love, and humility. Amen.

Prayer Focus Areas

- Healing and hope for those in need
- Comfort for the grieving and lonely
- Strength for those who care for others
- Our pastors, staff, and ministry leaders
- Those in national leadership roles
- Healing and peace for our world

This Week's Prayer Focus — New List

Lord, we lift them to You in prayer. May Your healing touch bring strength and peace and may they feel surrounded by love, hope, and the care of this community.

Karen Cox Krystle Haliotis-Casale Peñuelas-Gallardo family EJ Richardson

This Month's Prayer Focus — Listed for 4 weeks unless renewed

Lord, we lift them before You in prayer. May Your healing touch bring strength and peace and may they feel surrounded by love, hope, and the care of this community.

Penny Devlin	Robert Cocker	Vince	Walter Baker
Susan Wasko	Pat Cohen	Susan Zapfe	Family of Nancy Banker
	Family of Lois Donaway		Rev. Ed & Sherri Rusk
	Jeremy Martinsen		
	Sherry Schlagle		
	Fay Smith		
	Emily Torres		
	Family of Barry Webster		

Long Term Prayer Focus — We pray through our prayer chain!

Lord, we hold in prayer those with ongoing needs within our church family. Surround them with Your healing presence and fill them with peace and hope. For the name list, scan the QR code or visit the Welcome Center.



Submit a Prayer Request — We're here to support you!

Submit your prayer or pastoral care request at haddonfieldumc.org/prayer, scan the QR code, or email office@haddonfieldumc.org.



Those requesting prayer are included in our pastoral care and prayer chain.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

HUMC KIDS TACO NIGHT

Tuesday, May 19 | 5:30-7pm | Propert Café



Families with school-aged children are invited to Propert Café on Tuesday, May 19, from 5:30-7pm for a kid-friendly dinner, fun activities, and fellowship. All ages are welcome! Register at: haddonfieldumc.org/now or scan the QR code for the registration form.



JOB SEEKERS/CAREER MANAGEMENT SPEED NETWORKING NIGHT

Thursday, June 11 | 6-8pm | Fellowship Hall & Propert Café

Join the Job Seekers Group for an engaging Speed Networking Night! Whether you are currently navigating a career transition, looking to expand your professional network, or simply hoping to meet new people, this event is a fantastic opportunity to connect in a supportive environment. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the costs of the event, which includes a meal. Registration is required; please sign up by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://haddonfieldumc.subspla.sh/5xzmqhr>.



Our diverse, faith-based group is here to help you through every stage of your career journey with resume writing, interview practice, and coaching. While our foundation is rooted in Christian faith, our services are open to everyone. Additional meeting:

- **Thursday, May 28 at 7pm:** Virtual meeting. Email the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org to get connected!

HUMC KIDS SUMMER SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

HUMC Kids Summer Sunday Programming begins Sunday, May 24. A one-room Summer

Ways to Give

Text

Text GIVE to
856-499-5566

Scan

the QR code with your
smartphone



Online

Visit our giving website &
select your fund
haddonfieldumc.org/give

Checks/Envelopes

Mail/Deliver to
29 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield,
NJ 08033



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School is offered at 9am during Modern Worship for children age 3 through 5th Grade. Summer Children's Worship is hosted at 10:30am during Traditional Worship and continues its usual schedule. Visit our check-in kiosk in the HUMECC entrance (across from the Welcome Center) to check-in and receive room assignments before both services.

THE CHOSEN SEASON ONE DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays through June 10 | 7–8:30pm | Theater (Room 302) & Zoom

Join us as we watch and discuss Season 1 of *The Chosen*. This is a guided, discussion-based group—not a lecture—designed for honest questions and personal reflection. No prior Bible knowledge is required; all are welcome!



Register: haddonfieldumc.org/classes or scan the QR code.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETINGS

Sunday, June 7, at 12:15pm in Propert Café | Wednesday, June 10, at 6pm on Zoom

Help us put on a meaningful and fun event for our children and community! Volunteers are needed for our Vacation Bible School this August 10-14, from 9am-12pm each day. Is this your first time volunteering? You can learn ways to get involved at one of our VBS interest meetings. These meetings are Sunday, June 7, at 12:15 pm in Propert Café and Wednesday, June 10, at 6pm on Zoom. For more information, to receive the Zoom information, or to volunteer during VBS, email Julie Robertson at jrobertson@haddonfieldumc.org. Information for all volunteers, including mandatory Safe Sanctuaries training, will be communicated through email over the summer.



GREATER NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Annual Conference is a yearly gathering for clergy and lay members of Greater New Jersey to worship, celebrate ministry and mission, and handle Conference affairs. This year's conference is May 17-19 in Wildwood, NJ. Keep our HUMC clergy and lay members in your prayers as they participate. Visit gnjumc.org/ac2026/ for details.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH YOU



If you're struggling, you don't have to face it alone. Our trained Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care, matching men with men and women with women to offer support, prayer, and encouragement. To learn more for yourself or a loved one, reach out to leaders Janice McNally or Lou Schopfer at office@haddonfieldumc.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday dinner is on a summer hiatus until October 7. Thank you for your support of this program!

THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Ongoing

The Cherry Hill Food Pantry is low on all items except for bread, with the most pressing needs being: **nonperishable food items, laundry detergent, pasta sauce, pancake mix, pancake syrup, salad dressing, and baked beans.** Items are collected in the bin in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. The Food Pantry also has an Amazon Wish List where items purchased can be sent directly to the pantry. Find the link at haddonfieldumc.org/serve.

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a flexible volunteering opportunity? Interfaith Caregivers provides supportive services to seniors and people with disabilities. There are no required hours, and you can volunteer on your schedule. Applications are available online on our website www.giftofalift.org/volunteer or call the office at 856-354-0298.

THANK YOU FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BABY SHOWER DONATIONS

The Neighborhood Center baby shower was Saturday, May 2. This was a huge blessing to the expectant mothers who were pleased to pick up necessary baby items! Thanks so much to all who donated!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to include something in the worship bulletin? Please email your complete, written announcement (no more than four sentences, please!) to Jaime Charlton at jcharlton@haddonfieldumc.org at least two weeks before the weekend you'd like it to appear. Please include the title, date, time, location, and contact information. Space is limited— announcements are first-come, first-served and may be gently edited for clarity or length.

Visit haddonfieldumc.org/now for more information on events, digital connect card, digital bulletin, and sermon notes! Scan the QR code on your smartphone to access it any time.



WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Worship

- **5pm Saturday** - Casual Communion Service in Brown Chapel
- **8am Sunday** - Traditional Worship in Brown Chapel
- **9am Sunday** - Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall
- **10:30am Sunday** - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Virtual Worship - worship with us anytime at haddonfieldumc.org, YouTube, or Facebook

- **9am Sunday** - live-stream of Modern Worship
- **10:30am Sunday** - live-stream of Traditional Worship

HUMC KIDS

- **Child Care** (under 3 years of age) - 9-11:30am
- **Children's Sunday School** - 9-10am
- **Children's Worship** - 10:30-11:30am

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chris Heckert	Senior Pastor
Rev. Yeeun Kim	Associate Pastor
Rev. Cricket Denton	Pastor of Student & Mission Ministries
Jessica Thomas	Director of Modern Worship
Matthew Smith	Organist & Choirmaster
Julie Robertson	Director of HUMC Kids
Jennifer Douglas	Director of HUMECC
Megan Martin	Dir. of Communication Ministries
Dr. Jason Vodicka	Artistic Director, NJ MasterChorale
Karen Bertoldi	Business Manager
Jaime Charlton	Office Mngr./Assistant to Sr. Pastor
Kevin Moore	Building Manager
Brent Donaway	Video Content Producer
Aidan Murray	A/V & Livestream Technician
Angel Adams	Evening Building Attendant
Roy Lee	Custodian

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- **Our Weekly Sermon Podcast is available any time on our app (available on Amazon Apple Appstore, and Google Play) or on your favorite podcasting platform (search Haddonfield United Methodist Church).**
- **Daily Reflections are available on our app or online at <https://haddonfieldumcblog.wordpress.com/>**

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