



THE WINDS OF CHANGE



Haddonfield
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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 9 AM
Modern Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

Worship Song

I Thank God

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. JiSun Yang

Worship Songs

*Firm Foundation (He Won't)
What He's Done*

Sacrament of Baptism

Robin Lee Dyer Martin and Josie Cooper Torres

Reception of New Members

Krystle Haliotis and Vincent Casale

Prayer

Rev. Cricket Denton

Scripture

Luke 15:11-24

Phil Fizur, Jr.

Sermon

Prodigal Son
See page 6 for Sermon Notes.

Rev. JiSun Yang

Invitation for Offering

Rev. Cricket Denton
See page 8 for ways to give.

Closing Song

Good Grace

Closing

Rev. JiSun Yang



Sunday, May 18, 2025

Traditional Worship Service

5pm (Saturday) Brown Chapel, 8am Brown Chapel, & 10:30am Sanctuary

Prelude

(8:00) *Prélude*, from *L'Enfant Prodigue*
a cantata by Claude Debussy
Matt Smith, organist

(10:30) *What Wondrous Love Is This*
arr. by Lloyd Larsen
Ken Hall, pianist

Welcome

Rev. JiSun Yang

***Call to Worship**

Rev. JiSun Yang

L: Come, all who are weary from wandering, who have taken wrong turns,
chased distant dreams, or longed for home.

**P: We come with our questions, our regrets, and our hopes—trusting
that God meets us where we are.**

L: Come, all who are in the midst of change—letting go of what was,
unsure of what comes next.

**P: We come with open hearts, seeking the God who makes all things
new.**

L: The God who ran to meet the prodigal son runs to meet us still—with
mercy, with joy, with arms wide open.

**A: We come home to grace. We come home to love. We come to
worship the One who never gives up on us. Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn of Praise**

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

UMH No. 122



Ministry of Music

(8:00) *Hungry, I Come*
arranged by Craig Curry
Matt Smith, pianist

(10:30) *Home By Another Road*
music and lyrics by Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson
Chancel Choir; Jackie Williams, pianist; Laelia Watt, soloist

Pastoral Prayer

Matt Smith (8:00)
Rev. JiSun Yang (10:30)

*Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH No. 348

Scripture

Luke 15:11-24
(NT pg. 78)

Nancy Clasby (8:00)
Robert Nolan (10:30)

Sermon

Prodigal Son
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Rev. JiSun Yang

Invitation for Offering

Rev. JiSun Yang (8:00)
Mary Louise Lavery (10:30)
See page 8 for ways to give.

Offertory (10:30)

My Strength Is from Heaven (Caelitus Mihi Vires)
Christian Humcke
Holtz Handbell Choir; Joseph Reiter, director

*Doxology

No. 94



***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. JiSun Yang (8:00)
Mary Louise Lavery (10:30)

***Hymn**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

UMH No. 357

***Benediction**

Rev. JiSun Yang

Benediction Response

(10:30) *The Aaronic Benediction*
Healey Willan
Chancel Choir; Matt Smith, organist

Postlude

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541/2
J. S. Bach
Matt Smith, organist

*Please stand if able.

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

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

*The center altar flower arrangement is "in honor of Christopher, Thomas,
and Matthew Anderson from Nancy and Tom Anderson."*

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

*Acolyte (10:30): Evelyn Heckert
Saturday pianist: Susan Boyd*





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PRODIGAL SON

Sermon Notes for Sunday, May 18, 2025. Based on Rev. JiSun Yang's sermon.

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. – Luke 15: 20

1. The word “prodigal” means _____.
2. The problem with the younger son's request was its _____ and priority. He demanded his _____ inheritance _____.
3. According to Jewish inheritance laws, the firstborn received _____ portion of land and property.
4. Land and property were expected to stay in the family, passed down as _____ from God.
5. When we are humiliated, we grow in _____.
6. The younger son didn't just change locations; he changed from the inside out – from pride to _____, from pretending to _____, and from shame to _____.
7. The greater love is not _____ or _____; God gives us free will and second, third, and many chances to try and grow.

Questions for Reflection

1. How does the father's reaction in the parable challenge or affirm your understanding of God's love and forgiveness?
2. How can we, as individuals and as a community, embody the father's extravagant grace in our relationships with others?
3. **Grace Journal:** Each day this week, write down one way you experienced or extended grace to someone else.

Prayer List - May 18, 2025

Becky Bacalzo
Judy Baker
Dan Bates
Betty Bayless
Merrie Bender
Susan Bernheim
Chrissy Black
Jim Black
La'nya Bracero
Jeanie Brad
Judy Buecker
Frank Cahill
Alice Caldwell
Elaine Carpenter
Ethel Cathers & family
Cathy Chando
Linda Charney
Emma Clerc
Lynn & Mick Coffman
Shellee Conley
Janice Countess
Eve Dayton
Tom Devlin
Connie & Bob Dilks
Carol Dilks
Diane Doak
Lois Donaway
Keenan Earley
Linda Emerick
Richard Emerick
Monica English
Escobar family

Kim Ewan
Gail
Joanne Faust
Bonnie Ford
Donnamarie Graves
Marcus Graves
Elaine Grindlinger
Marilyn Handler
Brett Harrison
Lynda M. Hill
Millie & Ed Kaliss
Lou Kenerley
Thelma & Aubrey Kershner
Anna Marie & Robert Lento
Louise Lewis
Shelly Lewis
Ruth Lockwood
Dawn Lombardo*
Lopez Martinez family
Donna Lucas
Keith Maull
Rev. Dr. Bill McElwee
Tom Mervine
Marti Milne
Anne Mohler
Evelyn Nilson
Kevin Norton
David Parker
Bob Parker
Bonnie Patricelli
Carole Pezzato

Debbi Placko
Daniel Potts
Rose Marie Quattrone
Krew Rein & parents
Rebecca Restrepo
Jennifer Richardson
Mark Richardson
Chris Riley
Dale Robertson
James Robinson
Elaine Sandmeyer
Brigitte Schackerman
Sherry Schlagle
Ivy Setchel
Diane Simon
Angie Slane
Staiger family
Marie Steeb
Gloria Straub
Dave String
Joe Talamo
Kathy Thornton
Gavin Todd
JT Triantos
Dorothy Troehler
Barbara Turko
David Van Sciver
Ann Vigrass
Bill Vigrass
Barry Webster
Mark Wilby
Bob Williams

Family of Jean Williams
Dorothy Wilson
Norie Wisniewski
Robin Wright
Susan Zapfe
•Peace on earth and people in violence and war around the world
•The U.S. service workers in the Middle East
•A friend with brain cancer & his family
•For federal employees facing uncertainty, and for all leaders to govern with wisdom and integrity
*New to list
Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

If you have prayer and praise request or pastoral care request, please let us know at haddonfieldumc.org/prayer, scan the QR code, or email at office@haddonfieldumc.org. We're here to support you.



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Scan QR codes with your smartphone for more information!

NEURODIVERSITY TRAINING – MAY 22

Join us for a special Neurodiversity Training on Thursday, May 22 at 6pm in Room 304. This interactive session is designed to help our congregation—especially those who volunteer with children and youth—better understand and support our neurodivergent community, with a focus on children on the Autism Spectrum. Through simulated activities and guided conversation, participants will gain practical tools for creating more inclusive and welcoming environments. This training is open to all congregants, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, VBS volunteers, and anyone passionate about inclusion. Pre-registration is required: <https://bit.ly/Neurodiversity-Training>.



HUMC KIDS FAMILY TACO NIGHT

Families with young children are invited to our HUMC Kids Family Taco Night, Thursday, May 29, from 5:30-7pm in Propert Café. This free event is for families of school-aged children to enjoy a kid-friendly dinner, fun activities, and fellowship. Children of all ages are welcome! To RSVP, visit haddonfieldumc.org/now.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Help us put on a meaningful and fun event for our children and community! Volunteers are needed for our Vacation Bible School this August 11-15, from 9am-12pm each day. We will welcome over 150 children for a week of Bible lessons, worship, games, crafts, science and more. Contact the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org if you would like to help!

HUMC KIDS SUMMER SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

HUMC Kids Summer Sunday Programming begins Sunday, May 25. A one-room Summer Sunday School is offered at 9am during Modern Worship for children age 3 through 5th

Ways to Give

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Text GIVE to
856-499-5566

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the QR code with
your smartphone



Online

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

Checks/Envelopes

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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 worship services.

CELEBRATE PASTOR JISUN'S MINISTRY–SUNDAY, MAY 25

Rev. JiSun Yang will begin her new appointment at Middletown United Methodist Church in Middletown, NJ, on July 1. As our Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, Pastor JiSun has worked tirelessly for our congregation since 2019. To celebrate and give thanks for her time with us, while wishing her well in her new role, please join us on Sunday, May 25, after the 8am, 9am, or 10:30am service. Pastor JiSun will greet members of the congregation after each service in the Welcome Center and Sayre Pavilion where light refreshments and beverages will be available. No RSVP is necessary. If you would like to donate to a Love Gift for Pastor JiSun, please visit haddonfieldumc.org/give, or scan the QR code, and use the fund "Love Gift–Rev. JiSun Yang," or drop off a check to the Church Office with "Pastor JiSun Love Gift" noted in the Memo Line.



REV. DR. CHRIS HECKERT: A DECADE MAKES A DIFFERENCE – SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Celebrate a Decade of Impact with Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert – Join us for an unforgettable afternoon as we honor Pastor Chris' incredible ten-year journey of leadership and his remarkable achievement of earning a Doctorate! This is not just a celebration; it is a tribute to a decade filled with dedication, sacrifice, and profound knowledge. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 1, at 4pm, followed by a delightful reception. Don't miss out on this momentous occasion! Secure your spot now by purchasing tickets at haddonfieldumc.org/graduation (or simply scan the QR code) or by calling the church office at 856-429-0403.



HUMC'S JOB SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP

HUMC's Job Seekers Support Group is restarting for those in a career transition and needing support. This group includes: mentoring/accountability partners, career guidance and tips, and a focus on mental and spiritual wellness, and will use the book, *The Roller Coaster of Unemployment: Trusting God for the Ride*. Through a mix of biweekly virtual and in-person meetings, we'll help you get back to work. Attend a virtual meeting and information session on Thursday, May 22, or Thursday, May 29, at 7:30pm. **To register** for the Zoom link, contact the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org, Jeannie Page-Soncrant (856-296-3546), or Michael Cicalese (856-656-6727). Future virtual meetings are Thursday, June 5 and 19, with in-person event on Thursday, July 10.

Our new **Mentor Program** will start this fall. Professionals of all backgrounds are needed. If you'd like to be a mentor, please contact Steve Dagrosa, Sr. (609-941-9048, sadagrosa920@gmail.com) or the church office.



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CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

We will celebrate our graduates from 8th grade, high school, and college during worship on Sunday, June 8. If you are or have a student graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college, please send the student's name, the name of the school from which they are graduating, the name of the school they are attending next year (if applicable), and a photograph to office@haddonfieldumc.org by Monday, June 2.

HADDONFIELD UMC 50 YEAR MEMBERS

We will celebrate our 50 year members during worship on Sunday, June 8. If you are a 50 year member this year, or if you missed a celebration of your 50 year membership a previous year, please contact the church office with your name and the starting year of your membership by Monday, June 2.

WAKE UP WORLD BOOK STUDY

Join us for Wake Up World, a six-week, faith-based exploration of the climate crisis, meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Movie Theater (Room 302). This ecumenical curriculum blends science, storytelling, and spiritual reflection to help us understand the causes and consequences of environmental degradation—and how we can respond with hope and action. Each session includes short videos, accessible readings, and discussions that invite us to reflect on our role in caring for creation. Whether you're new to environmental issues or already engaged, this study offers a welcoming space to learn, share, and grow together. No prior experience needed—just an open heart and a willingness to engage. Let's wake up to the needs of our world and discover how our faith calls us to respond. Sign up for the class at haddonfieldumc.org/classes!

HUMC CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The HUMC Cemetery that sits atop a knoll on Kings Highway occupies the site of the second Methodist Church in Haddonfield. Stewarding this hallowed ground is a dynamic process which requires growing, changing and finding new ways to cultivate bucolic beauty and inspiration to make this a haven in which all can visit to remember, reflect, relax and find grace and beauty in life and death. Anyone interested in being part of a beautification committee dedicated to continuing the revitalization and transformation begun by Pete and Marta Hall over these past 15 years is invited to contact Carol or David Restrepo (609-217-7058 or 609-217-7057) via text or call. We are the new stewards of the church cemetery and have already begun the long-range planning process with the mission to elevate this sacred space for perpetuity into a park like memorial garden, a soul satisfying space for others to enjoy and visit while honoring those who rest eternally.



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THE CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thank you for all of your ongoing efforts to curb food insecurity in our community. Items continue to be collected in the bin located in the breezeway of the church, next to the parking lot. The list of most needed donations has been updated to include: nonperishable food items, coffee, laundry detergent, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, jelly, and toilet tissue.

THANK YOU FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BABY SHOWER DONATIONS

We had a good response to the Neighborhood Center baby shower collection. We collected 42 packs of baby wipes, 333 diapers, 12 bottles, 15 blankets, 12 handmade blankets, 15 sleepers/ onesies, 3 books, and other baby items like wipes, diaper creams, bubble bath, & toys. This was a huge blessing to the expectant mothers in the Camden area. Thanks so much to all who donated!

SANCTUARY PASCHAL CANDLE

The large, white candle placed in the Sanctuary's Chancel by the Pulpit is the Paschal Candle, which is first lit on Easter morning and then each worship service until Pentecost Sunday. It symbolizes the light of the risen Christ coming into the world, dispelling the darkness of death during Eastertide. Eastertide is 50 days long, encompassing the 40 days the risen Christ was on earth until the Ascension and then the 10 days the disciples waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit, or Pentecost.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday dinner is on a summer hiatus until October 1. Thank you for your support of this program!

SEND SUMMER SCHEDULES TO CHURCH OFFICE

Please contact the church office at office@haddonfieldumc.org to let us know whether your groups will be meeting during the summer and if not, your anticipated start date in the fall.

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. Make sure to include the title, date, time, location, and contact information. Space is limited, so announcements are first-come, first-served—and may be gently edited for clarity or length if needed.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is an active and inclusive group for students in grades 6-12 to have fun and grow in faith together. Our youth group meets Sundays from 6-8pm on the 3rd floor in the Youth Room. A wide variety of snacks is provided along with gluten-free and vegan options. A sensory-friendly room is attached to the Youth Room for those who may need a sensory break.

STARBUCKS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the Welcome Center at 10:30am and walk to Starbucks with their teachers each Sunday for Starbucks Sunday School. Students can purchase snacks or drinks if they wish, but it is not required.

HUMC KIDS

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

Rev. Dr. Chris Heckert	Senior Pastor
Rev. JiSun Yang	Assoc. Pastor for Caring Ministries
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
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- **Audio only live-streams** are available by calling: 856-213-2015.
- **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 haddonfieldumc.org/daily-reflections.

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