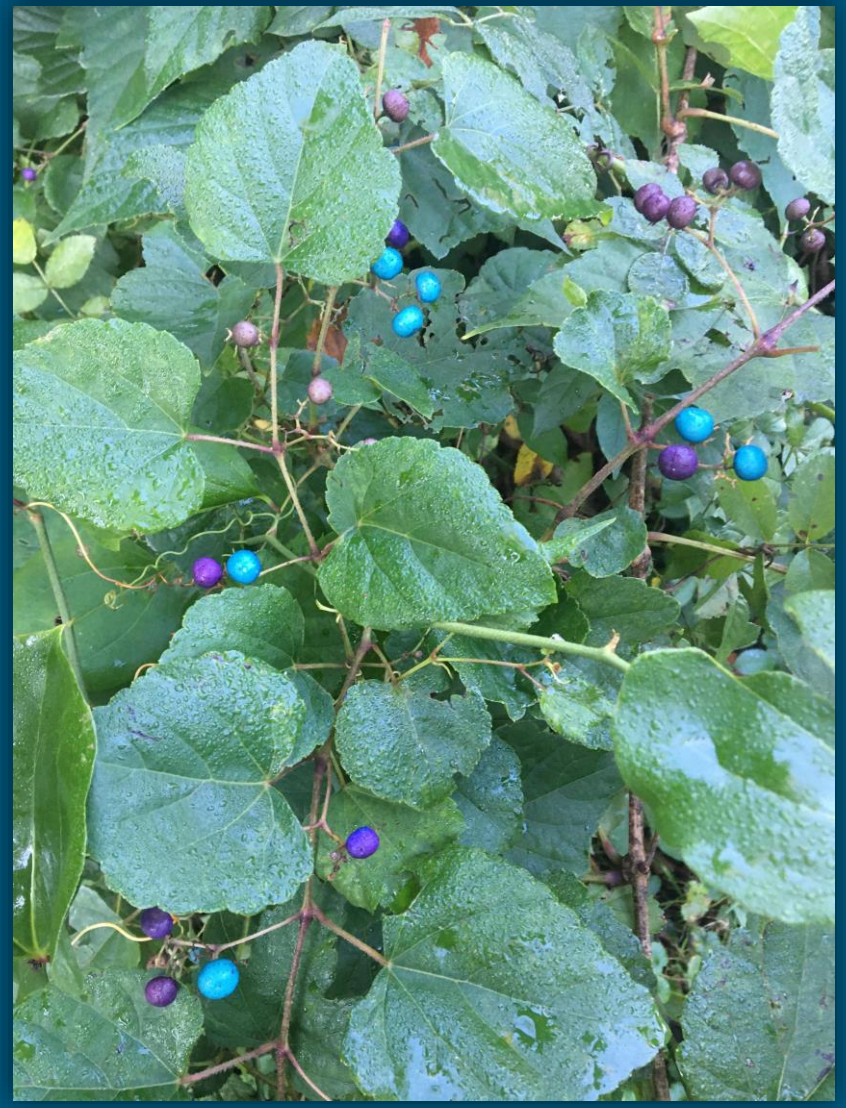

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# Sunday, July 19, 2026

# Culmore United Methodist Church

# Welcome and Good Morning!

# Welcome and Announcements

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# Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time  this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless  and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

THE BOOK of
REVELATION

# Philadelphia:

## The Open Door

# Responsive Reading: Psalm 33 (selected verses)

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

**It is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

For the word of the LORD is right and true.

**He is faithful in all he does.**

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The Lord loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of his unfailing love.

**The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.**

From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

**We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

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In home our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

**May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,**

**even as we put our hope in you.**

# You Are My All in All- W&S 3040

You are my strength when I am weak.

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

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**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.**

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# Revelations 3: 7-8; 11-13

**To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:**

These are the words of him who is holy and true,

who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can

shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and they will not go out from it anymore. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

Whoever has ears, let them hear
what the Spirit says to the churches.

# Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus,

You have placed before us an open door that no one can shut. Truly, You are the door, the gate leading us to the Father and life eternal. Why do we hesitate to choose it? …and yet we do. Other paths look so much easier, and the glitter of the world is so enticing.

Lord, help us resist the pull of the world. Clear up our vision and strengthen us to choose Your open door, the door to salvation. Give us the determined, committed faith of the church in Philadelphia so that we, too, may walk Your way.

***Amen***

These are the words of him who is holy and true,

**who holds the key of David**. What he opens no one

can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

# Isaiah 22: 20-22

In that day I will summon my servant, **Eliakim** son of Hilkiah.

I will clothe him with your robe and fasten your sash around

him and hand your authority over to him. He will be a father

to those who live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah.

I will place on his shoulder the **key to the house of David.**

What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

…The one who is victorious I will make

a pillar in the temple of my God, and

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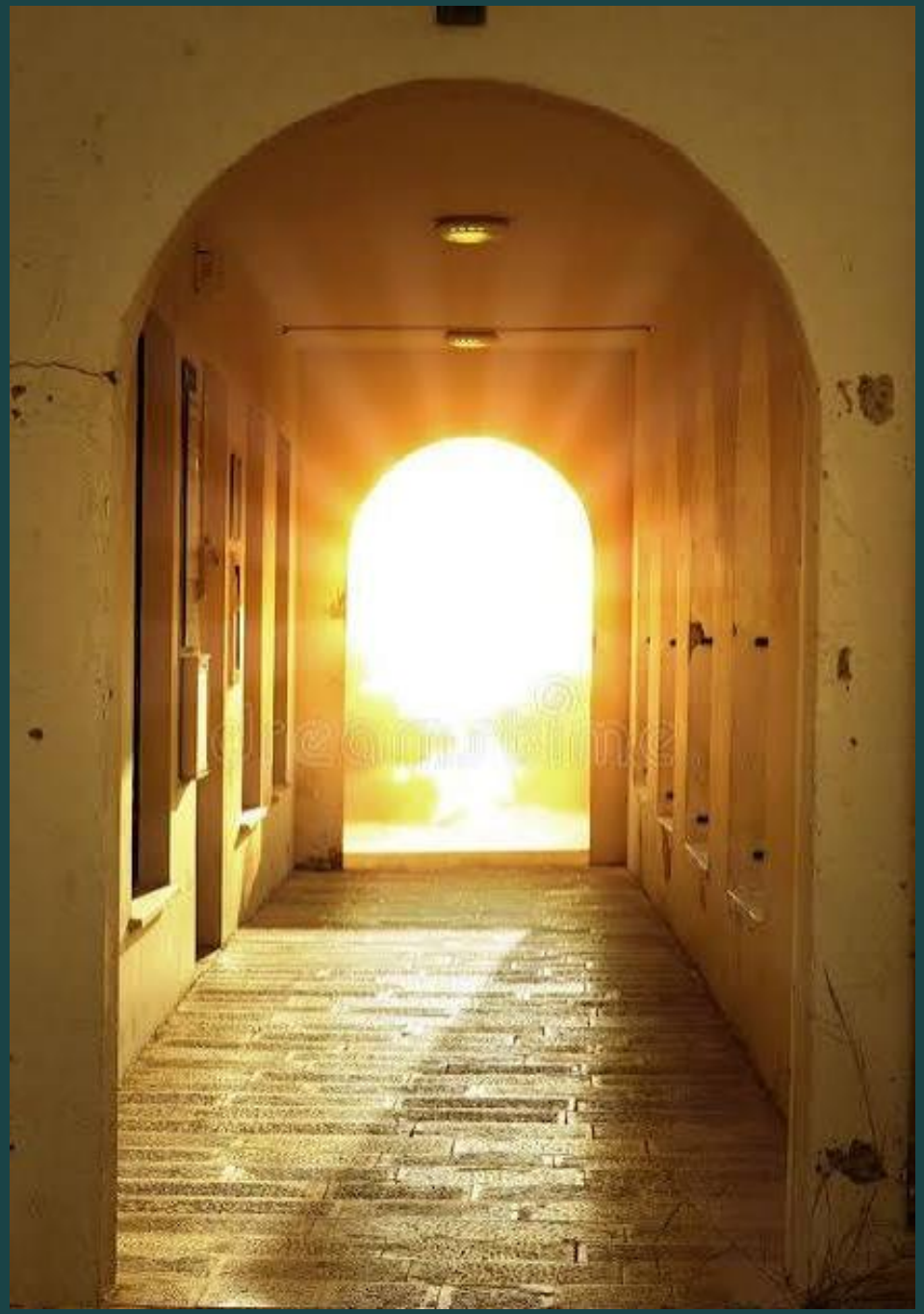

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# Jesus, the Open Door

# Matthew 7: 13-14

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

# Proverbs 23: 4-5

Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

# Matthew 6: 20-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

“Look! I have put before you an open door.”

# There's a Spirit of Love – TFWS 3148

There's a Spirit of Love in this place.
There's a Spirit of Love in this place
You can't see it, but it's there
just as precious as the air
There's a Spirit of Love in this place.

There's a presence of peace in this room.
There's a presence of peace in this room.
In God's tenderness is found
Peace that passes human bounds
There's a presence of peace in this room.

*O alleluia, sing alleluia!*
*We bless your holy name.*
*O alleluia, sing alleluia!*
*There's a spirit of love in this place.*

# Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, before You returned to heaven, You sent Your followers to all the nations to spread the gospel throughout the world. You reminded the church in Philadelphia to keep carrying on with their good work.

Help us remember in all we do for Your kingdom that we represent You. How much we need to demonstrate Your love and grace to others, so that they, too, can draw closer to You. As disciplines, help us share the good news that You came to earth and died to open the door to the Father's presence and eternal life. ***AMEN***

# Offering and Doxology
## UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

# Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Benediction