

UMC Morning Worship

August 14, 2022, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Choosing the Path of Jesus

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 80 Excerpts Leader

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

People: **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Leader: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

People: **You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven and see:

People: **Have regard for this vine. the stock which your right hand planted.**

Leader: They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance!

People: **But let your hand be upon those of your right hand, the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!**

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name!

People: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

***Opening Hymn** "Holy Ground" TFWS #2272

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader
There are times when truth is before us, as obvious as a building storm cloud on a clear day, yet we ignore that truth. Help us, Lord, in

our willful blindness, our stubbornness, and our sense of self-sufficiency. The truth we avoid is that we are only here because you created us in Your image to run your race, to be in relationship with you, our Creator. Forgive us for this lack of humility. Bring us again into a right relationship with you, a relationship built on faith and your unending grace for eternity. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Hebrews 11:29–12:2](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 12:49–56](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Which Race?" Bill Florin

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Eternally creating and loving God, as Your children, we bring to You our offerings and tithes so that in some small way we can be part of your creating and re-creating work on Earth. May these signs of our faith be blessed and used by you to strengthen Your Church universal as we work together to bring new disciples into your race

while we all follow the example of Jesus. We pray this in Your name:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "May You Run and Not Be Weary" TFWS #2281

Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to Rebecca Denike!!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: [Luke 13:10-17](#)



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"