

UMC Morning Worship

September 18, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Let your light shine before others...

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

***Call to Worship** Psalm 100 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Hymn** "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH #723
(v. 1,3,4)

***Opening Prayer /Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)** Leader
Heavenly Father, you are the giver of life, the healer, the sustainer, and the provider of all hope. Yet, despite all that you have done for us, we still feel weak. Help us, we pray. Allow us to reveal the power of Christ that dwells within each one of us. Strengthen us to realize that we are Brothers and Sisters of the One that has overcome the world. Help us to "stop fighting a fight that's already been won." May we *always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have* - in you! We love you, and we praise you - in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages and Blessing for the School Year

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [1 Peter 3:8-15](#) (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 5:1-16](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Pivot Ministries

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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*)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of music. We thank you for the gift of life and the talents that you have given so freely to your people. Having been forgiven, Lord, we now bring our gifts back to you. As you have shown us today, your gifts of song and life uplift and heal. Please allow our gifts to do the same. May they be used to heal your world, uplift your people, and bring us closer to you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ***Sending Hymn** "Take My Life and Let it Be" UMH #399
- ***Benediction**
- ***Benediction Resp.** "More Precious Than Silver" TFWS #2065
(Sing Twice)



Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to the UMCM Family!!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: [Luke 16:19-31](#)



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"