

UMC Morning Worship
September 4, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Cost of Discipleship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** Psalm 1 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Lord Jesus, we come here today to worship you, to praise your name, and to learn how to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. However, we know that making this decision comes at a cost. Please allow this day of worship to show us once again that placing you first, will always be the right decision. As you taught us, "*What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?*" Teach your Disciples, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 14:25-33](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Priorities" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593
(v. 1-3)

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, you've blessed us this day with our health and our treasures. Please let this act of offering - this giving of our treasures - remind us of who should come first. May these treasures be converted from a potential distraction to us - to a tool that you can use to bless your world. We thank you, once again, for the ability to be your hands and feet to your children that you love so much. May you use us, and our offerings, to be a blessing to others. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Shout to the Lord" TFWS #2074
(Sung twice)

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129
(v. 1)

Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to the Arnold Family!!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: [Luke 15:1-10](#)



[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"