

UMCM Morning Worship

April 16, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: "Do not doubt but believe"

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns!" John Troutema

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rajpolt Family

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Psalm 16 Leader

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: **I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: You show me the path of life.

People: **In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*Opening Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" UMH #308

*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) (*by Patti Schif*) Leader

Praise be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let our reflection of You and our prayer to You, linger here today. We do praise you today God, and we will praise you during this service. Remind us when we fall short during this week. You are an Amazing God. You deserve all of our praise. We thank You for Your Son, for His cross and resurrection. We thank You for what this means for each of us, if we choose to believe. God, we give you all the Honor and Glory. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Our Joy that Has No End" Joseph Barlow

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [1 Peter 1:3-9](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [John 20:19-31](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Lord I believe, help my unbelief" Ed Hendricks

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "We Walk by Faith" TFWS#2196
(v.1-3)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Holy Jesus, so often we need to be in control. So often we need to see where our gifts are going, in order to *believe* that it is for Your good. Yet you remind us, "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.*" May this offering today be our opportunity to *believe* without *seeing*. May these gifts be used in ways that we may never see, but in ways greater than we can ever imagine. We trust and believe. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "My Life is in You Lord" TFWS #2032

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270
(sing once)

Postlude

Coffee Hour Host: Rajpolt Family

Coming Up:

Apr. 23rd - Reg. Sunday Worship Service @10am - "The Walk to Emmaus" Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear how Jesus can "open the scripture" to us in one afternoon to reveal who He truly is! ([Luke 24:13-35](#)). Join us and have your "hearts burning within you" too!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"