

# UMCM Morning Worship

April 23, 2023, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** The Walk to Emmaus

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "The King of Glory" Dorothy Wells

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Ed Hendricks

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 116 Leader

Leader: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People:** **Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**People:** **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**People:** **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

Leader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92  
(v. 1,2,4,6)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Oh, Holy Jesus. We just celebrated Easter and how you overcame death. The tomb is empty because you live! While we say these words, and even sing these words, do we truly believe them? Are we certain where you are right now? Lord, we are here today to encounter YOU. You are here. We ask you to open the Scriptures to us today. Your teachings can cause our hearts to *burn within us* once we realize that you are here with us. In your power, allow us to encounter You today. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Folliot Sandford  
Pierpoint  
Sheldon Curry

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** [Acts 2:22-24;36-42](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 24:13-35](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Open Eyes and Burning Hearts" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Thou Art Worthy" TFWS#2041

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)

Heavenly Father. Your son came to walk with us, even when we were too blind to realize who he truly was. May we not pass up another opportunity to invite him in to "*Stay with us*," to break bread, and to realize His presence in our lives. May this offering be the bread that we may break with others to invite them into a relationship with you. In your power, may they be tools to reveal your presence right here amongst us. Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn                      “Shout to the Lord”                      TFWS #2074

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response                      “May You Run and Not  
be Weary”                      TFWS #2281

Postlude

**Coffee Hour Host: Betty and Ed Hendricks**

### **Coming Up:**

**Apr. 30th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - “The Good Shepherd”** Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God’s Word to hear how Jesus IS the Good Shepherd who wants us to live a life of ABUNDANCE! ([John 10:1–10](#)). Join us!

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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>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

Passcode: 2819

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**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***