

# UMCM Morning Worship

May 7, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Way

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Memorial" Fred B. Binckes

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

### Prayer for Walkers

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 31 Leader

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: **Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: **Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.**

Leader: My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

People: **Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "His Eye is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

**\*Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader  
Heavenly Father, you have watched over your people from the beginning of time. You led them through the wilderness by day *in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light*. Then, you guided your people in the person of Jesus. Father, help us to once again experience Your presence, guiding us today. May we follow *the way, and the truth, and the life* just as clearly as that pillar of fire that blazed in the wilderness. May your Holy Spirit commune with us today. We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "At the Table of the Lord" Jay Althouse

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 7:54–60](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:1–14](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "The Way, and the Truth, and the Life" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Taste and See" TFWS #2267

### 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. We approach your altar again with ourselves and our gifts. In the boldness that you taught your disciples, we pray *in your name* that these gifts, and our service to you, be used to show others *the way* to you. You are our Comfort. You are our Strength. You are the Way. We dedicate these gifts to you. In your name we pray. 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 "I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214  
(Refrain only)

Postlude

**Coffee Hour Host: Gail Mas**

### Coming Up:

**May 14th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - The Promise of the Holy Spirit** Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear of the Advocate/Comforter/Himself that will be with us always! ([John 14:15-21](#)). Join us and feel the Spirit!

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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

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**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***