

UMCM Morning Worship

May 14, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: No One is an Orphan

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

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

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and all the nurturing persons who have loved us.

People: Thank you God for giving us these nurturing individuals.

Leader: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

People: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

Leader: We take time to remember them because their love is most like God's love.

People: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unflinching trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

***Opening Hymn** "I Sing the Almighty Power" UMH #152

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We have had our share of good days and bad days. In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all the drama, we made it here to worship and praise your name. May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use us as tools of hope and love on this day. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Love is the Greatest of These" Nancy and Dennis Allen

A Time for Children of All Ages Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 17:22-31](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:15-21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Action of Love" Bill Florin

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" UMH #402
(v. 1,2,4)

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)

Creator God, you have blessed us with love and goodness. We thank you for the beauty of your creation, the sustenance of food and drink and we cherish the love of family and friends. We offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. We give of our money and resources in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the world which you have made. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** Joyful, Joyful” UMH #89
(v. 1,2,4)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** “More Precious than Silver” TFWS #2065
(Sing twice)

Postlude

Coffee Hour Host: Rose Aiello - In Celebration of Mother’s Day

Coming Up:

May 21st - Sunday Worship Service @10am - “Going Up?!?” Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God’s Word to hear about the Ascension of Jesus ([Luke 24:44–53](#)). Join us for a fun ride!

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”