

UMCM Morning Worship

May 28, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Pentecost

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Trumpets in Praise" Franklin Ritter

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rajpolts

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) 1 Corinthians 12 Leader

Leader: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

People: **and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.**

Leader: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

People: **To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,**

Leader: to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit...

People: **All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.**

***Opening Hymn** "Spirit of God" (v. 1,2,5) TFWS #2117

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Ed Hendricks Leader

Dear God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to join us on this day as we celebrate "the Birthday of the Church". For it was on Pentecost that the whole Christian Church was established through the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving them the courage and tools they needed to proclaim the Good News to the *ends of the earth*. Help us to remember that the church is not just a building or a set of rules. The Church is a living entity. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the love we share with one another, **WE ARE THE CHURCH!** Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Where the Spirit of the Lord" Pete Carlson
Hal Wright

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 2:1-21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 20:19-23](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Receive the Holy Spirit" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Open the Eyes of My Heart" See Insert

Commitment Sunday - For the Confirmands

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) by Patti Schif

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for all You have given to me. All I have is from You. So many times I have fallen short and think that what I have done and what I have is from my doing. Open my eyes to see Your hand in everything I have. It is all from You, my talents, my resources, my knowledge, my trials and my joys. Please take from my hands, all I have to offer. I give it back to You for Your use and for You to multiply in Your hands. Use me, as You

used Peter, with boldness, to continue to work with You to build Your kingdom here on earth. With all my love and gratitude and in the name of Your Son Jesus, Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH #717
(v. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Surely the Presence of the" UMH #328
Lord is in this Place"

Postlude

Coffee Hour Host: Betty Hendricks

Coming Up:

June 4th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - "Go!!" Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear about the Great Commission to "Go and make disciples"! ([Matthew 28:16-20](#)). Join us as we figure out together how to do it!

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:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"