

# UMCM Morning Worship

July 9, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The War Within

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

\*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Psalm 145 Leader

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: **The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

\*Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529  
(v. 1,2,4)

\*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) by Patti Schif Leader  
Heavenly Father, as we begin today, we humbly come into Your Presence. We find peace here with You. We thank You for Your continued love and guidance for us. Open our hearts and our minds today and direct them to Your Word. Help us to understand more about our human nature, about our spiritual nature, and how they are intertwined. Show us the areas where we need to learn and to grow to be more like Your Son. Please help us to be aware of the times we can experience Heaven here on earth. We ask this in Your Son's Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sign of Peace

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Romans 7:15–25](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Lesson: [Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Are You Doing Good Or Doing Well?" Ed Hedricks

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH #601

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

\*Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Lord, you have fed us today. Your Word is in our minds, and your seeds have been planted in our hearts. May this offering allow us to share the same with those around us. Strengthen your church to use these resources for your good work in this world. Use us, and these gifts, to spread seeds extravagantly to find fertile ground. May your church do your will, and not our own. We thank you for the opportunity to give back to you. We pray all this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn "Living for Jesus" TFWS #2149  
(v. 1,2,4)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036  
(sing once through)

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour*

**Coming Up:**

**July 16th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus explains the Parable of the Sower ([Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)) Let's spread some seeds!

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



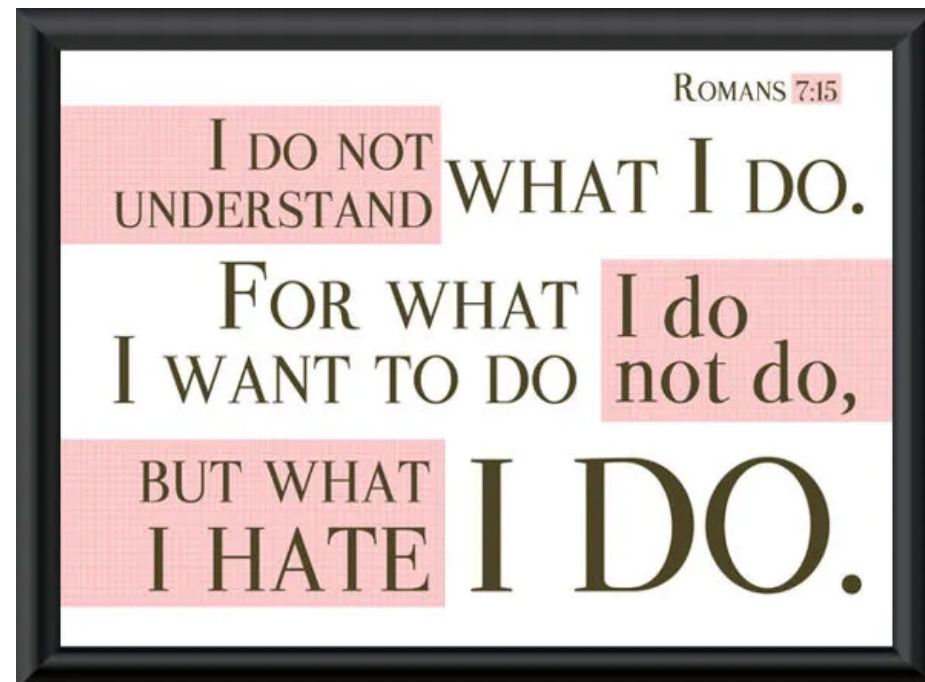
[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



[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>

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**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

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