UMCM Morning Worship September 10, 2023, 10:00 am

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: Keeping Christ's Church Holy

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

UMH #98

Prelude

*Opening Hymn

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)			Ed Hendricks
*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 119		Leader	
Leader:	Teach me, Lord, the vitt to the end.	way of your decrees	, that I may follow
People:	Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.		
Leader:	Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.		
People:	Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.		
Leader:	Turn my eyes away fi according to your W	•	s; preserve my life
People:	Fulfill your promise be feared.	to your servant, so	o that you may
Leader: People:	Take away the disgra How I long for your preserve my life.	•	•

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by Patti Schif Leader Good morning, God. As I read the Scriptures today and listen to Your Word, I am reminded that You are Holy. I am not able to understand Your Holiness in my earthly being, but I know that this is true. I know too that You have called Your Church to be Holy. Please help us to understand today more of what this truly means. Guide us with Your Word to understand more deeply how my sin can separate me from You. Help me to understand how my sin can affect Your Holy Church. I love You Lord, and I long to be forever in Your presence. I pray this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

"To God be the Glory"

Words of Assurance

Sign of Peace

Remembrance Prayer for 9/11 Moment of silence - For those lost, those living, and for our God who sustains them all

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Less Lector: The W People: Thank	Leader				
*Gospel Lesson:Matthew 18:15–20(NRSV)Lector:The Word of God for the People of GodPeople:Thanks be to God!					
Sermon	"Restoration"	Pastor Chuck			
WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD					
*Hymn of Response	"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"	TFWS #2151			
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)

Holy and Brother Jesus, thank you for being with us here today. Although our eyes don't see you, our Spirits feel you. Your presence here is a gift to us. In thankfulness for that gift, please accept these treasures back to you. Do with them as you will. Use us, and these gifts, to allow others to feel your presence in their lives. It is a life-changing realization. You are so good. We love you Lord. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH #560 (v. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Humble Thyself in the Sight TFWS #2131 of the Lord" (sing twice)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

September 17th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as Jesus teaches us about <u>forgiveness (Matthew 18:21–35</u>) What wrongs are you still holding on to?

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship





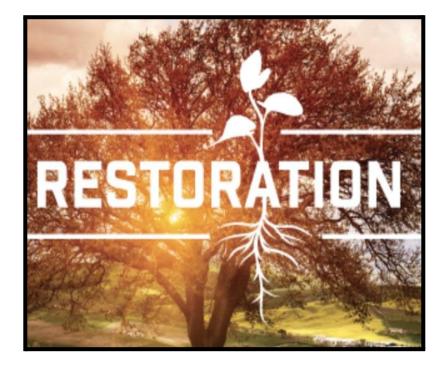
Zoom Link (Live Meeting) YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup) (Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4Yz BvdEwvSlkyQT09

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674 Passcode: 2819 Dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"