

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)

Ed Hendricks

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Psalm 119* Leader
Leader: Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.
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 from worthless things; preserve my life according to your Word.
People: **Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.**
Leader: Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.
People: **How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.**

***Opening Hymn** "To God be the Glory" UMH #98

***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.

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 Lesson: [Romans 13:8-14](#) (NRSV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 18:15-20](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: 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 of the Lord” TFWS #2131
(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 *forgiveness* ([Matthew 18:21–35](#)) What wrongs are you still holding on to?

Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”