UMCM Morning Worship January 28, 2024, 10:00 am

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: Galatians 3 - Descendants of Abraham

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me" David Paxton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Mark 3 Leader

Leader: The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke capture a time

during Jesus' ministry when the crowds were so thick that Jesus' mother and brothers could not approach him. Join

me in a reading of the Good News:

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing

outside, they sent to him and called him.

People: A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him,

"Your mother and your brothers and sisters are

outside, asking for you."

Leader: And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

People: And looking at those who sat around him, he said,

"Here are my mother and my brothers!

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister

and mother."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn** "My Hope is Built" UMH #368

(v.1 - 3)

<u>*Opening Prayer (Unison)</u>

Leader

Heavenly Father, we thank you for another incredible opportunity to be with Your family in Your house! Even after walking alongside us this week, through our struggles and through our achievements, you still set aside time to be with us now as we celebrate who You are in our lives. Thank you for this family reunion. Please grant us peace and clarity of mind to see You in the reading of Your Word, in the songs we sing, and in those here with us today. We love you and we pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "All Will Be Well" Walt Harrah

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

*Old Testament: <u>Gen. 12:1-4</u>; <u>22:15-19</u> (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 3:6-9; 23-29 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Heirs of the Promise" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy Jesus, Lord, Brother, and Friend; what an inheritance you've given to us! You've grafted us into the family of Abraham; the family of Promise. You've made us "joint heirs" with you. You've given us much more than we will ever deserve. And what do you ask in return? Nothing more than to Believe as Abraham believed, and to love one another; "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." With these gifts, and with our lives, let everyone know that we are your disciples, as we love one another. May we do all of this to the Glory of God, alone. Amen.

^{*}Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

February 4th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue the study of Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia (<u>Galatians 4</u>) It's time to collect your inheritance!

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:

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