

UMCM Morning Worship

January 14, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Galatians - No Other Gospel

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Onward Christian Soldiers" Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Ed Hendricks

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Luke 24:44-48 Leader

Leader: Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

People: **Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,**

Leader: and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

People: **You are witnesses of these things."**
May we, gathered here, be witnesses of these things.

***Opening Hymn** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378
(v.1-4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Patti Schif Leader
Dear Heavenly Father. You are an amazing Father, and we cherish You. There is no one like You. We know, through the life and death of Your Son, You have offered us the invitation into Your Family. Our portion is to accept this Truth and to Believe. As we search and study the Scriptures today, help us to understand more deeply what it means that "There Is No Other Gospel." Open our hearts to the "True Gospel." In the name of your Son, Jesus, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Treasures of the Heart" Pepper Choplin

A Time for Children of All Ages Betsy Sword

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Galatians 1:1-12](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 1:1-14](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "The True Gospel" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

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)

Heavenly Jesus, we know that there is nothing we can give, and nothing that we can do, to earn our salvation. This is the beauty of your gospel. As Paul proclaims to the church in Galatia, "*the only thing that counts is faith working through love.*" Thus, through faith and trust in you, we offer these gifts to your service. May they be used to *proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins, in your name, to all nations.* Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

*Benediction

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

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Ed and Betty Hendricks

Coming Up:

January 21st - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we begin the study of Paul's letter to the church in Galatia ([Galatians 2](#)) Do you realize that you are saved by Faith alone?

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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