

UMCM Morning Worship

January 21, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Galatians - Faith Alone

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Meditation on Nashville" Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively) Hebrews 11** Leader

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

People: Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

Leader: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

People: so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Leader: By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's.

People: Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts;

Leader: And without faith it is impossible to please God,

People: for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

***Opening Hymn** "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH #397
(v.1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison) by Betty Hendricks** Leader

During this winter, we want to be like the trees – somewhat shut down to the outside world and reflecting on ourselves. I want to reflect on God, who alone brings light and glory to my life; to realize at an even deeper level that He is the beauty I seek, the power to whom I entrust myself, the love for whom I hunger and thirst. Help me to more fully live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. I ask this, as I ask all things, in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" George Atkins

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Galatians 2:15-21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 17:1-13](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Sola Fide" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "The Summons" TFWS #2130
(v. 1,3,4,5)

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)

Most Holy Jesus, we once again sing praises to your name. We sing praise to the one *from whom all blessings flow*. We give you praise and thanks that you have faith in us to be stewards of those blessings. We now praise you by putting our faith back into you, and your will for our lives. Please accept these blessings and use them at your discretion alone. We have faith in your sovereignty and in the goodness of your will. May your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

*Benediction

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

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by the Hornak Family

Coming Up:

January 28th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue the study of Paul's letter to the church in Galatia ([Galatians 3](#)) Are we descendants of Abraham?!?

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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