

UMCM Morning Worship

February 18, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Galatians 6 - Walking Together

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Chapel Prayer" Carl Simon

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Schif

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 91 Leader

Leader: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

People: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Leader: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

People: He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

***Opening Hymn** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH #496

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Patti Schif Leader

Help us to ponder your cross; a vision of a painful, humiliating death, yet a vision of such beauty in what You achieved through it. Help us to ponder more deeply on the cross as we take the Lenten journey this season. Burn deeply in each of us, the knowledge that the cross is the only way back to You, God. The cross is a reminder of our sin and what it took for Jesus to bear all sin. The cross reminds us of Jesus' faithfulness to go to the cross to fulfill the

promise to offer us the way back to You. Bless our Lenten journey. Strengthen our faith. Bless our sharing of Your message with others. With love and gratitude in Your Son Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem

"Glory in the Cross"

Dan Schutte

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Galatians 6:1-10](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***John's 1st Epistle:** [1 John 2:1-6](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Walk by the Spirit - Together"

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response**

"Lead Me, Guide Me"
(Refrain only - Sing Twice)

TFWS #2214

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) by Denise Wiley

Loving Jesus. We place our offerings before you with thanks for all you make possible in our lives. Even the burdens we carry can bear much fruit. Please pour your blessings and mercy upon our offering, Lord. We pray these gifts make evident that your kingdom is at hand and may we hold on to you and your truth in every circumstance. We look to you Lord to empower our offering to be a blessing to those in most need. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley” TFWS #2112

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Go Now in Peace” UMH #665

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Ed & Betty Hendricks

Coming Up:

February 25th - Sunday Worship Service @10am at Huntington UMC, Shelton - Join us LIVE or [ONLINE](#) as we CELEBRATE the Confirmands of UMCM, Huntington UMC, and Jesse Lee UMC! Let's come TOGETHER as one Church Family!

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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