

Sunday Worship

July 7, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Celebrating the Joy of Christian Fellowship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Dylan Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 86* Leader

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

People: **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

Leader: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

People: **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

People: **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.**

Leader: In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

People: **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.**

***Opening Hymn** "America the Beautiful" UMH #696

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader
Lord, thank you for imparting the Holy Spirit upon us. May our footsteps follow yours so that others may know we walk with you. May we open our hearts to your mercy that we may offer it to others and gratefully accept it ourselves. Lord, we accept your gift of salvation and strive to live a life worthy of your sacrifice. Bless this worship service as we boldly praise your name. You are awesome and holy and we love you Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sign of Peace

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: [John 20:24-29](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Second Reading:** [Luke 24:13-35](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message: "Joys & Concerns: Walking to Emmaus" **Betsy Sword**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Pass it On" UMH #572

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, you've opened up your Scripture to us, shared your Son with us, and delivered your Holy Spirit to us. What can we possibly give back to you that would even come close to showing our thanks? We can only give our praise - and these gifts. May this time of giving - with these treasures offered to you - be our way of praising your name in gratitude for the gifts that we have received. Use them, and multiply them, so that others can hear that Call to Worship that will bring them back to you. We pray this in your Son's precious name. Amen.

