

Sunday Worship

August 11, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Church; Imitators of God

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)

Patti Schif

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:1–8

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: **I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

People: **This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.**

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

People: **O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

***Opening Hymn**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH #402

(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel*

Leader

Lord, as I enter into worship, let me empty my mind of all bitterness and anger. Release any grudges that I hold against anyone. Cleanse my heart that I may accept your forgiveness and grant that to others. Let me enter your sanctuary with the Peace of the Holy Spirit, your Peace. May it enter my soul. Open my eyes to your glory and majesty as I bask in your unending love. Thank you Jesus for loving me. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

I Epistle Lesson: [Ephesians 4:25–5:2](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 6:35, 41–51](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Be Imitators of God

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response

“O How He Loves You and Me”

TFWS #2108

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 God, we're reminded in the story of the Prodigal Son that the Father gives, and gives, and gives; “*you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.*” You also are so generous. May we come to your altar today in that spirit of generosity, remembering that when we labor, we work in order to *give*, and not just to *get*. May we *labor and work honestly with our own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy*. Thus, we give these earnings to you, for those that need it. We put our trust, and our treasures, into your hands. For you are a good, good Father. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS #2171

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" UMH #672

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Gail Mas

Coming Up:

August 18th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 6:51-58](#)) as Jesus continues to remind us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. Do you have that "life" in you?

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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Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola

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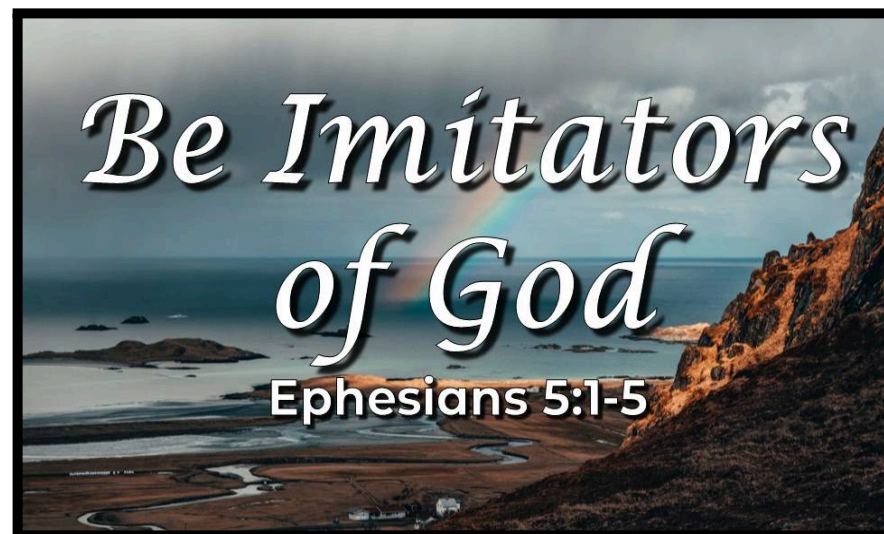
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"