

Sunday Worship

September 8, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Faith & Works

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

*Call to Worship *Psalm 125*

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

People: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord
surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

Leader: The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land
allotted to the righteous,

People: **for then the righteous might use their hands to do
evil.**

Leader: Lord, do good to those who are good, to those who are
upright in heart.

People: **But those who turn to crooked ways the Lord will
banish with the evildoers.**

All: **Peace be on Israel.**

*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes That I Might See" UMH #454

*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) by a UMCM Angel Leader
Good Morning God! Thank You for gathering us together today. We
come here, wondering, "What do You have planned for us today?"
What words will be said in this place that will stir our hearts? We
thank You that You have used Your people to write the words we will
hear today. James, Jesus' brother, will speak of Faith and of deeds.
Mark will speak of two miracles. Though these Scriptures may be
familiar to us, may they unfold like a rose in bloom, as we hear them
again, exposing how Your Scripture is the 'Living word'. We Love
you Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [James 2:14-26](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [Mark 7:24-37](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "A Symptom of Christianity"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Amazing Grace, My Chains
are Gone"

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)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for allowing us to
commune with you today. As the man said to Jesus, "*I believe; help
my unbelief!*" May this offering help us to believe, and to trust in
you more deeply. Please accept this act of giving as a symptom of
our faith in you - and not an obligation. We present these treasures,
and our lives, as an offering and outpouring of our faith in You, the
one who *knows the plans you have for us!* We love you, Lord, and
we pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Now in Peace" UMH #665
(sung twice)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

September 15th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus explains what it means to be one of his followers ([Mark 8:27-38](#)). Come join us, to join Him!

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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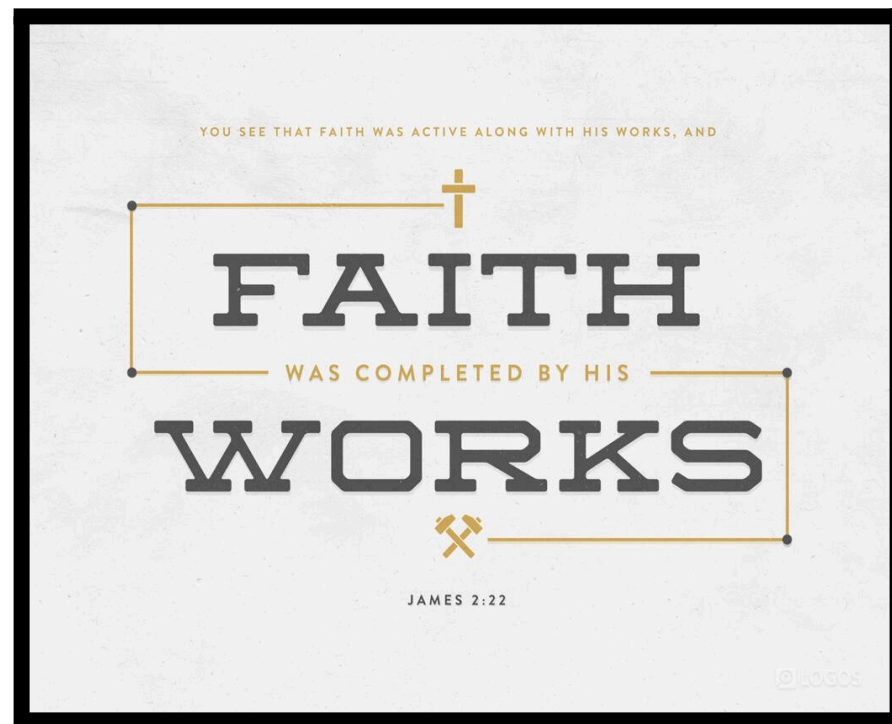
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"