

# Sunday Worship

## September 15, 2024, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Knowing Jesus

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Ed Hendricks

**\*Call to Worship** *Proverbs 1:20–27, 29–33*

**Leader:** Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

**People:** **At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?**

**Leader:** Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

**People:** **Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel I also will laugh at your calamity.**

**Leader:** Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

**People:** **therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.**

**Leader:** For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

**People:** **but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS #2002

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader  
Top of this Sunday to you God. Thank you for another day you have given us to commune with You and to praise You. We thank You for gifts You have given us that give us the ability to interact and enjoy this world and each other. One of these gifts is the gift of our

speech. This gift gives us the ability to bless or to curse. Guard our speech today, that all our words are used to bless You and to be a blessing. We also ask You to Guard our eyes today. Allow all that we see remind us of Your love. May our eyes be a reflection of You to all we meet today. In Jesus' name We Pray. 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 3:1-12](#) (NRSV)

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 8:27–38](#) (NRSV)

**Lector:** The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "But who do you say that I am?"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Would I Have Answered When You Called" TFWS# 2137  
(v. 1,3,4)

**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)** *by a UMCM Angel*  
Dear Heavenly Father. As we approach Your altar today with our gifts of treasure, may we be reminded that all we have is from You. When we choose to give, we are giving back to You what is Yours. Bless and multiply what is handed to you today. Use it in Your world

for all that is good and just. Help us to know it is not just this treasure that You desire from us. In the quiet, help us each to answer Jesus' question, *who do you say that I am?* In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn                      "Cry of My Heart"                      TFWS #2165

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response            "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"            TFWS #2026  
(sing twice)

Postlude

*Join us for Coffee Hour*

**Coming Up:**

**September 22nd - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word in the Gospel of Mark ([Mark 9:30-37](#)) Who is the greatest?**

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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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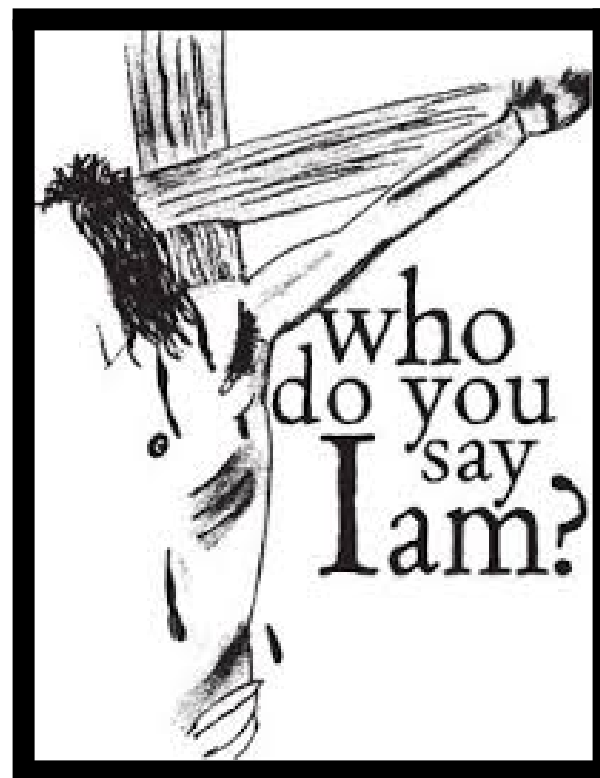
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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***