

UMCM Morning Worship

January 12, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Trusting in the Holy Spirit

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "To God Be the Glory" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 139* Leader

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

People: **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: **Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.**

Leader: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

People: **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

***Opening Hymn** "Spirit Song" UMH #347

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Heavenly God and Holy Spirit, we come to meet you today. While we know that you've been around since the Creation, and have been present in the lives of your children ever since, open our minds and our hearts to Your work in our lives today. We come to learn. We come to trust. We come in the hopes of being empowered by You

today. Just as Jesus trusted in Your Holy Spirit, please allow this time with You and our Church Family to strengthen our relationship with Your Holy Spirit, and deepen our trust in You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem

"Sweet Rivers of Mercy"

Sheldon Curry

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 8:14-17](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 3:15-22](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Faith in the Holy Spirit"

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Down to the River to Pray" WS #3164
(v.1,2,5)

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)

Awesome God, we just sang praises to you, "*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*" You're a mystery, and yet so close to us. Thus, we offer these gifts to You, personally, today. While these treasures are yours, we understand that you trust us to be good stewards of them. May your "Good Spirit" not only lead us on level ground, but also put these treasures to use for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "O Spirit of the Living God" UMH #539
(v. 1-3)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Jesus, Name Above TFWS #2071
all Names"
(sing once)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

Jan.19th - Regular Service @10am - Jesus gets fancy! 😊

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word on Jesus' first miracle; changing water to wine at the wedding at Cana ([John 2:1-11](#))



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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"Growing in the Body of Christ"