

UMCM Morning Worship

January 26, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Word of God

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Variation on Lower Lights" Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Kendall Sherman

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 19 Leader

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

People: **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

***Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Almighty God, you spoke Light into existence, placed the stars into the sky, and spoke to us through the prophets. It is then no wonder that you have the power to inspire ancient writers to convey your message through the Holy Scriptures we will hear today. Grant that your Holy Spirit intercedes today to help us to *understand the words that are declared to us*. Your Word is truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Worship the Lord with Gladness" Hal Wright

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 4:14-21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "The Truth of Scripture" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "One is the Body" WS #3156

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)

Holy Jesus, we strive to be a healthy and active part of your body. A body that both needs help, and provides help. An organism that needs to be fed, while also having the ability to feed. With this offering, allow us to be true members of your body. Members that actively contribute to the health of the body. Members that give when we can, and take when we can't. Members that look out for the needs of one another. Members that give of our time, talents, treasures and thoughts. Members that remind the world that You are here. Teach us to do your will, for you are our God. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175
(v. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

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

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Betty & Ed Hendricks

Coming Up:

Feb. 2nd - Communion Service @10am

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus stirs-up the synagogue to the point that they try to toss him off a cliff! ([Luke 4:21-30](#)) Join us!

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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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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