

Sunday Worship

July 27, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Boldly to God in Prayer

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Spirit of the Life" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Amy Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 138 Leader

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

People: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

People: you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

***Opening Hymn** "It is Well with My Soul" UMH #377
(v. 1,3,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel Leader
Dear God, help me to know Your heart. Help me to seek You first. As the apostles asked, teach me to pray. Allow me to envision the apostles watching Jesus commune with You. Each one of them, curious as to what Jesus was doing and if they too could enter into this place with You. Help us to know we can enter into that place

with You. The more we seek You, the more we will be aware of Your Presence. Guide us to pray, "*let Your will be done.*" Thank you for this gift God, and for the living example that we have in Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Special Music "When Words Alone Cannot Express" John Thornburg

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Genesis 18:20–33](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 11:1–13](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Lord, teach us to pray" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Seek Ye First" UMH #405

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy Jesus, you are amazing. You've created the Heavens and the Earth, spoke light into existence, and breathed Life into our lungs. And yet, you want us to commune with you, to work with you, and to be your miraculous hands in this world that you've created. You don't need us, but you want us. You're amazing. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for trusting us. Please allow this offering to be worthy of that love. May our work, and our treasures be used to glorify you. It's in your name that we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "You are My All in All" WS #3040

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Rule of Life" WS #3117

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Betty & Ed Hendricks

Coming Up:

August 3rd - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Luke 12:13-21](#)). Where do you store your treasures?

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:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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