

Sunday Worship
May 3, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Faith

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 118 Leader

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***Opening Hymn** "Be Still My Soul" UMH #534
(v. 1-3)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader
Father in heaven, we come before you today to anchor our souls in Your truth. In a world full of shifting foundations and untruths, help us stand firm on Jesus, the Risen Christ, who is our chosen, precious cornerstone. Lord, we hear your promise to prepare a place for us and Your command to *not let our hearts be troubled*. We believe in You. When we feel lost, be our Way. When we are deceived, be our Truth. When we feel empty, be our Life. Forgive us when we walk according to our desires rather than in Your path. Convict our hearts to be vessels of Your truth and love. Make us living stones, built on your cornerstone that brings You glory. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, Your Son who is the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Be Still and Know" Steven Curtis Chapman

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [1 Peter 2:2-10](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:1-14](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "The Way" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) *by a UMCM Angel*

Dear God, we are completely draped in Your love. You created us. You sent Your son to save us. You fill us with Your Spirit. All we have is from You; our lives, our family, our friends, our children, our homes. This list goes on and on and on. We pray You take what we give back to You and use it for Your glory. This world is in pain. What we need is You. What the world needs is You. Use what we return to You to bless Your world and Your people. In Jesus name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" TFWS #2026

Postlude

Join us for the Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off

Coming Up:

May 10th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 14:15-21](#)) to hear Jesus' promise that he will send us an "Advocate" - basically HIS Presence - once he ascends to Heaven. Guess who has access to that power now - YOU! Patch-in and Enjoy His Presence!

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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