

Sunday Worship

May 17, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Communion with God

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Michelle Rajpolt

Mission Moment Rose Aiello

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 68 Leader

Leader: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

People: **May you blow them away like smoke - as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.**

Leader: But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

People: **Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him - his name is the Lord.**

Leader: Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

People: **You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!**

***Opening Hymn** "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156
(v. 1-3)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, we approach your throne to pray to you just as Jesus did, and taught us to do. We are humbled that we may come directly to you, so may the Holy Spirit guide our words and our hearts to truly pray to you *in Jesus' name*. While we often struggle in this world, we know that this is not our home. Thank you for that reminder today. Thank you for the protection that Jesus asked for,

and you so graciously provide. We are truly in the world, but not of the world. May we embrace that reality and take it with us outside of these walls *so that the world may believe*. We love you, and we trust you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Joy to the World" Pop-Up Choir

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Acts 1:6-14](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [John 17:1-17, 20-21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message **The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "My Hope is Built" UMH #368
(v. 1-3)

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 Lord, we know that everything we have is Yours. This includes these monetary gifts that we bring to the foot of the cross today. As we return what is Yours, bless these gifts and multiply them for Your glory. We also acknowledge we each are given unique gifts from Your Holy Spirit. Each of these gifts, in Your hands, can be used to build Your church, to love You, and to love others. We ask, during this week, to help us to recognize these gifts and to use them for Your Kingdom. Because of You and all for You. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Go to the World" WS #3158

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282
(v.1 & refrain)

Postlude "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Robert Williams

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Kathleen Shope

Coming Up:

May 24th - Pentecost Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Acts 2:1-21](#)) to relive the "Day of Pentecost" when the Holy Spirit was delivered to the Church - AND - Celebrate our Confirmands that THEY may be filled with the Holy Spirit! You won't want to miss it!



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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