

# Sunday Worship

## May 31, 2026 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** I am with you always

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Sometimes A Light Surprises" Lani Smith

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Dotti Hossler

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

**Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**People:** **Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."**

**Leader:** When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;

**People:** **he brought me into a spacious place.**

**Leader:** The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

**People:** **What can mere mortals do to me?**

**Leader:** The Lord is with me; he is my helper.

**People:** **I look in triumph on my enemies.**

**Leader:** It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.

**People:** **It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS #2171

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader  
Lord, we are in awe of your creation, the beauty of the earth, the majesty of the heavens, the wonder of your design of the human body. Our minds cannot conceive such creativity. How marvelous the Trinity. Thank you for the Life of Jesus. We are so grateful you sent the Holy Spirit to be our constant companion. As we gather in your name we offer our praises to you for loving us enough to share your splendor. May our worship be glorifying to your names, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We love you Lord, Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Across the Lands"  
WS #3032

Keith Getty  
Stuart Townsend

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Joshua 1:1-9](#) (NRSV) Leader

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 28:16-20](#) (NRSV)

**Lector:** The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** **Go/Make/Baptize/Teach/Remember** Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" WS #3017  
(v. 1,3,4)

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Pastoral Prayer

**\*Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel*  
**A Christmas song asks..."what can I give him, I'll give him my heart".** Yes, that is what he wants from us. So let us open our hearts to the wonders that await us. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts that will further his kingdom. May the giving of these resources help to spread the gospel. May it pour out his message of love and acceptance, so that as we experienced last week with our confirmands, the light of Christ will shine through to those around us. All that we have belongs to him, let us share those gifts in our offering today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn "We Shall Overcome" UMH #533  
(v. 1-4)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Let There be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Postlude

*Join us for Coffee Hour*

**Coming Up:**

**June 7th - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)) to be reminded of the wisdom of Solomon that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Time for you to join us!**

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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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