Sunday Worship

October 25, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Greatest Commandment

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Interlude for Worship" Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Chris Shope

***Call to Worship** *(Responsively)* *Psalm 95* Leader

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

***Opening Hymn** "Great is the Lord" (v.1-3) TFWS #2022

Opening Prayer *(Unison) *by a UMCM Angel* Leader

Almighty God, as we gather this morning in worship, prepare our hearts and minds to embrace your greatest command: *to love you with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves*. Forgive us, Lord, when we fall short, closing our hearts to those in need and failing to recognize Christ in our midst. Help us to extend the same grace you so unconditionally extend to us to all those we encounter. You know the needs of others, and we humbly ask you to open our eyes to those needs so that we may serve as Christ has served. By your Holy Spirit, unite our minds, heal our divisions, and empower us to live out your radical, unconditional love. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 22:34–46 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!

Message **PIVOT Ministries**

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 Lord, we bring forth these offerings assured that You are who You say You are, our precious Lord. Accept these offerings as well as those of the men of PIVOT. They offer their voices of praise to You and their witness to show their appreciation of how Your unconditional love has changed their lives. We are grateful that they are willing to share their stories, stories that can affect our lives as well. We praise You lord and know that all we have is because of You and belongs to You. The harvest is Yours. Praise be Your name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS #2002

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557
(v. 1)

Postlude

Join Us for PIVOT Luncheon

Coming Up:

November 1st. - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am -
Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word (Matthew 23:1–12) as Jesus gives us a lesson on Humility. Come join us, humble yourselves, and be Exalted!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship

Zoom Link
(Live Meeting)

YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Chris Shope
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Patti Early
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"