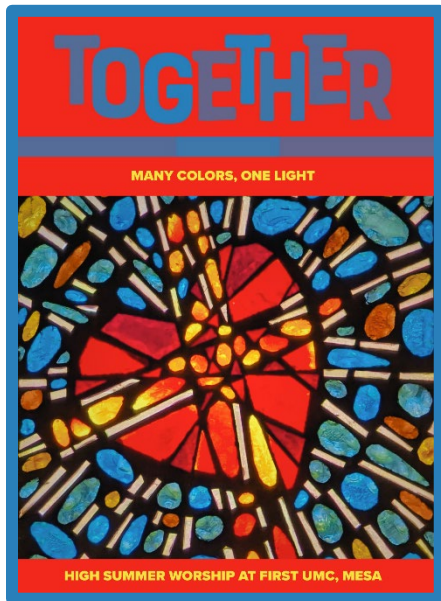




TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

AUGUST 31, 2025 9:00 A.M.

*We kindly ask that you silence your cellphones and electronic devices
as we create a sacred space for contemplation and prayer.*

† - Please rise in body or in spirit.

RED = The UM Hymnal

BLK = The Faith We Sing

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

GOD GATHERS THE SCATTERED

Prelude

Prelude on "I Come with Joy"

arr. Matthew Corl

† Call to Worship

John Miller

We come to this place
because we want to know God,
 who helps us set aside the past,
 to walk the path to new life.

We come in these moments
because we want to know Jesus,
 who anoints us with the resurrection,
 who shares our lives with us.

We come with these people
because we want to know the Spirit,
 who shapes us for life with God,
 so we may praise God forever!

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
 “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
 Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
 help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity.
 With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
 “In my name baptize and teach.”
 That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
 give us all new fervor, draw us
 closer in community.
 With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love’s true measure:
 “Father, what they do, forgive.”
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society.
 With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 “I am with you to the end.”
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity.
 With the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

† A Prayer of St. Benedict (489-543)

Almighty God,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intellect to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you
and life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

Children’s Moment

Sierra Cummins

A Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 3:1-5, 12-15 (NKJV)

One: Word of God, Word of Life! Many: Thanks be to God!

Anthem	<i>We Will Worship the Lord</i>	by Joseph Martin
Sermon	<i>Looking Backward in Order to Live Forward</i>	Rock Robinson

GOD INSPIRES US TO RESPOND

A Prayer for Confidence and Guidance

**Grant us the confidence, Lord
to step out in faith
and become the people we are meant to be,
unapologetic in our love for you,
wanting to be change-makers,
bringers of hope, love and grace
into an unbelieving world
that has no faith but in itself,
is almost blind
and cannot see that all it seeks
is found in you.**

**Grant us the confidence, Lord
to step out in faith
and become the people we are meant to be. Amen.**

Hymn	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	BLK 2226
Chorus: Bind us together Lord		
Bind us together with cords	1. There is only one God	
That cannot be broken	There is only one King	
Bind us together Lord	There is only one body	
Bind us together	That is why we sing (Chorus)	
Bind us together with love		

† The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be always with you.
Many: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Offertory	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	arr. Robert Hughes
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† Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

† Prayer of Gratitude

GOD SENDS US TO THE WORLD

† Hymn

We Are One in Christ Jesus

BLK 2229

Chorus: We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body
all one spirit, all together. (2X)

Verse: We share one God, one mighty Lord,
one abiding faith, one binding love,
one single baptism, one Holy Comforter,
the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

† Dismissal with Blessing

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O Worship the King

arr. Lani Smith

It is the habit of some to remain seated through the postlude to savor a few last moments of prayer before returning to the world. Others must leave to gather children or help with other activities. We only ask that you do so quietly until you reach the Narthex. We are grateful you chose to be part of our family today!