

The background of the image is a dramatic landscape. The upper portion shows a bright, fiery orange and red sky, possibly a sunset or sunrise, over a dark, shadowed canyon. The lower portion shows a large, stylized, 3D-effect word 'LORD' in a dark, metallic font, set against a lighter, textured background. The overall mood is awe-inspiring and majestic.

I will bless
the LORD
at all times;
his praise shall
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my mouth.

Psalm 34:1, NRSV

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Welcome to this place of Worship. Please feel free to use the Sanctuary as a place for quiet prayer before service.

**indicates that you are invited to stand. You may choose to rise up in spirit only if that is better for you.
You are invited to read aloud the **bold-face print**.*

*Please register your attendance in the red folio and pass it toward the outside aisle.
After all have signed, pass it back to the center.*

PRELUDE “Greater”

GREETINGS

God is good **all the time.**
All the time **God is good.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTION OF THE DAY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will bless the Lord at all times,

God’s praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

let us exalt God’s name together!

All glory and praise is yours now and forever. We join with Jesus in praying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE DAY

OFFERING *Our special gifts for mission in October support the annual UM World Communion Offering.*

Offertory

***Song of Offering** "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, receive our offerings and our thanksgiving. Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to the truth of your love, mercy, and grace for all. Amen.

MESSAGE

"The Lord Hears"

Pastor Joyce Rich

*HYMN

"Our God"

*COMMISSION & BLESSING

People of God, go in peace and walk humbly in the world.
May the healing love of Christ, the wisdom of God, and the strengthening power of the Spirit be with you this day and always.

**May the God who hears our needs and answers
the cries of our heart be with us today and always,
a sure and certain strength, throughout all the ages.**

Amen. **And Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: *Please extend the peace of Christ to those around you.*

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***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Dear God, let us not only hear of you but see you with our own eyes through your Word. Let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAISE BAND

"Lord I Need You"

"How Sweet The Sound"

CHILDREN OF GOD TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34 #769 **UMH** (*Read responsively; no sung response.*)

Mark 10:46-52 **NRSV**

PRAYER SONG "Cares Chorus"

TIME OF PRAYER

How Is It With Your Soul?

Lifting of Prayer Requests

Unison Prayer

Amazing God, whose claims on us are as old as creation and as new as this very moment, help us to hear you calling us. Restore to us that sight that is beyond seeing, so your church may respond with joy to you through our ministry.

As you call us to draw near to you, hear our cries, our prayers and petitions:

We pray for the local and universal church.

Give us humility to walk in your way.

We pray for the leaders in our nation and the nations around the world.

Give them the courage to walk in peace.

We pray for those who are in need.

Give us ears to hear their cries and be agents of your mercy.

We pray for those who have pain. Heal, touch, deliver them, O God.

We remember those who have died.

Help us give comfort to those who are left behind.

We lift our hidden prayers to you in silence,

for you hear even that which is unspoken.

Time of Silent Prayer