

# Morning Worship

## March 20, 2022, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** The Power of God's Second-Chances

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** John Rajpolt

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 63 Leader

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
**People: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.  
**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
**People: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

Leader: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
**People: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Just as I am, Without One Plea" UMH #357  
(v. 1,3,5)

**\*Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader  
Heavenly Father, we are here to worship and to praise your Holy name. You are the God of life. You are the God of resurrection. You are the God of second-chances - always watching out for us to return to you. However, you are also a God of justice. Open our minds today to your justice and the ways in which you guide us back to you. Remind us of what you've declared, "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.*" May we better understand *your ways* today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "For Those Tears I Died" Marsha Stevens  
Soloist: Sheryl Rajpolt

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Luke 13: 1-9 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "It's Time to be Fruitful" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "We Walk by Faith" TFWS #2196  
(v. 1-4)

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

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

**\*Doxology**

**Offering Prayer** (*Unison*)

Lord Jesus, you've allowed us to open your Word and to receive your message through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. You've given us the gift of music so that we can sing your praises. You've given us the opportunity to "*Seek the LORD while he may be found*" and to "*call upon Him while He is near.*" Now allow us to give back to you with our Treasures. Use them as you will, for the benefit of your kingdom. Amen.

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

**\*Sending Hymn**                      "I'll Fly Away"                      TFWS #2282

**\*Benediction**

<b>*Benediction Resp.</b>	<b>“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”</b> (v.1)	<b>UMH #361</b>
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**Coffee Hour Hosts: Thanks to the Sherwoods!**

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship  
 Next up: [2 Corinthians 5:16–21](#); [Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32](#)



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674  
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**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

## ***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***