

# UMC Morning Worship

July 24, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Baptism

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler Hussey

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 113 "Hallel" (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**People:** Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**People:** The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**People:** He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Leader: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

**People:** Praise the Lord!

**\*Opening Hymn** "Seek Ye First" UMH #405

**\*Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)** Leader  
Lord Jesus, we've come here today to celebrate your gift of life by remembering your baptism. While you had no sins to "wash away," you graciously provided a model that we can follow, even today. Please allow these baptisms to offer us *all* the opportunity to "start fresh" and either renew - or proclaim - our own baptismal promise to be *true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life*. You are a shepherd worth following. We pray this all in your precious name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 40:1-5](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 3:1-3,13-17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Take your first breath" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Preparation** "Come, Be Baptized" TFWS #2252

**Baptism** The Reynolds Children Rev. Dave York  
Max, Griffin, Vera & Beatrice Pastor Chuck

**\*Hymn of Response** "This Little Light of Mine" UMH #585

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

### Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Heavenly Father, you are *Jehovah Jireh*, the God that Provides. As the ancient Hallel promises, *May the Lord give you increase, both you and your children*, we trust in your provision. In that faith, may we give back to you - with these treasures - and with our service - so that Your Kingdom may come. *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever*. We pray this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. "God is So Good" TFWS #2056  
(v.1 Sung twice)

**Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to the Reynolds Family!!**



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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship  
[Luke 12:13–21](#)



Next up: [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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**Sunday, July 24, 2022**

***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***