

UMCM Morning Worship

December 4, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Peace

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

Advent Candle Lighting Peace Paula and Bill Fromm

***Call to Worship** Psalm 143 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

People: Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Leader: For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

People: Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

Leader: Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

People: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

***Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211
(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)** Leader
Good morning Lord. It is so good to be back in here with You and with Your people. As we begin this service, let us be aware of Your presence. Come fill this place with Your Holy Spirit. We ask blessings on the words of Scripture that will be shared today. We know they are stories that we all are familiar with. Open our ears to hear and our eyes to see new perspectives in these words. Bind us closer to you and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "Prepare the Way" Lloyd Larson

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 11:1-10](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 3:1-12](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Heralds of the King" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH #196

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

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

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Lord Jesus, in this time of Advent, we eagerly await your coming. We so want to celebrate your arrival and enjoy the "**PEACE that surpasses all understanding**" that only You can provide. However, at this time, we come to give and not to receive. Please accept these gifts so that others in our community can realize - maybe for the first time - the PEACE that You provide. With your power, allow these gifts, and our lives, be a beacon of HOPE and PEACE - heralding your arrival with the boldness and joy of John the Baptist! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH #216

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "Walk in the Light"

Postlude

Join Us for our Potluck Christmas Luncheon

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: [Matthew 11:2-11](#)



[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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"Growing in the Body of Christ"