

UMCM Morning Worship

December 25, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Jesus is HERE!
“Jesus & Jammies”

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude & Welcome

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 52 P. Chuck/M. Cohen

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

People: who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

People: for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

Leader: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

***Opening Hymn** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” UMH #240

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Brian Sherwood
Lord, we come to you today, celebrating your birthday, the day that you came forth into the world to deliver us from our sins and demonstrate your glory and infinite mercy on humanity.

We ask that you help us to remember that “this” is what we are called to celebrate on Christmas, even when we are distracted by the gifts and presents that we receive and give to others. Please Holy Spirit, awaken in us the ability to understand the magnitude of the gift you have given all of us. Open our hearts to feel the infinite worth of your son Jesus Christ and his atoning sacrifice. May we rejoice that you, the creator of ALL things - Yes ALL things, love us so much that you sent us your only begotten son so that we could be in eternal relationship with You.

So Father, we thank you for blessing us so much, and loving us so much, that you sent us your son. May we not be distracted by the desires of this world, but instead focus our attention on Jesus. As we worship you today, please help us to feel your presence, to hear your words, and to accept the warm embrace that you have extended to us as the children you Love.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem “A Spiritual Christmas!” Tom Fettke

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 52:7–10](#) (NRSV) Marsha Cohen

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 1:1–14](#) (NRSV) P.Chuck

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Traditions” Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Special Video [A Social Network Christmas](#) Skip Heitzig

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Offering Prayer (Unison) RoseAiello
Dear God, We offer our gifts to honor Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created as the Light of the World and the greatest news the world had ever known. May these gifts help the church and the world change people’s lives and spread your message of love. Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH #246

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp.

Postlude

STAY Online after the service so that we can say "Hello" and "Merry Christmas" to one another on Zoom!



Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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Sunday, December 25, 2022

"Growing in the Body of Christ"

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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