

# UMCM Morning Worship

## January 29, 2023, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Blessed

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** RoseAnne Homola, Piano

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Ed Hendricks

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 15 (*Responsively*) Leader  
Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on  
your holy mountain?  
**People:** The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is  
righteous,  
Leader: who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters  
no slander,  
**People:** who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur  
on others;  
Leader: who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the  
Lord;  
**People:** who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not  
change their mind;  
Leader: who lends money to the poor without interest; who does  
not accept a bribe against the innocent.  
**People:** Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Trust and Obey" UMH #467  
(v.1,2,4)

**\*Opening Prayer** Leader  
Awesome God, you've blessed us with another opportunity to  
worship you and to learn from Your Word. Today, your son will teach  
us what it means to be "blessed," but it seems to be opposite to  
what the World has taught us. Please open our hearts, and our  
minds, to the truth that you have planned for us today. May it  
empower us to *do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly*  
*with our God.* We pray this in your son's precious name. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

**Choir Anthem** "I Will Bless Your Name" by Kenn Mann

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** [1 Corinthians 1:18–31](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 5:1–12](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "Are You "Blessed"?" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Whatever You Do" See Insert  
(v. 1,4,5)

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

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

#### Offering Prayer

Holy Jesus, we come once again to your empty cross. We're  
reminded by this cross that you gave up paradise to live among us,  
and then gave up your life so you can offer paradise back to us.  
Lord, in comparison to those gifts, what can we offer back to you?  
Thus, please accept these gifts of our Time, our Talents, these  
Treasures, and our Thoughts. We give them in thankfulness to how  
richly you have already blessed our lives. Please use us, and these  
gifts, to *comfort*, show *mercy*, and share the *kingdom of heaven* with  
those in this community. We pray this in your powerful name. Amen.

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

<b>*Sending Hymn</b>	"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"	TFWS#2140
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>*Benediction Resp.</b>	"What Does the Lord Require of You"	TFWS #2174
<b>Postlude</b>		

### ***Coffee Hour Hosted by the Hendricks Family***

**Coming Up:**

***Feb. 5th - Regular Service @10am - Salt & Light!***

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to take a closer look at one of the most popular - and yet misunderstood - sermons; **Jesus' Sermon on the Mount** ([Matthew 5:13–20](#)). Join us and we'll figure it out together!

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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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

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