

# UMCM Morning Worship

## January 8, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: **Gifts Fit for a King/Priest/Savior**

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude RoseAnne Homola, Piano

**\*Call to Worship** **Isaiah 60** (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

Leader: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

People: **Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

People: **your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**

Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

People: **They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

**\*Opening Hymn** TFWS #2095  
"Star Child"  
(v. 1,2,3,5)

**\*Opening Prayer** Leader  
(*Unison*)  
Holy Jesus, just as those *wise men from the East* came to spend time with you as a young child, we do the same today. May we follow their example to realize the joy in being in your presence, and then bow down to worship you before we do anything else. You were worthy then, and you are worthy now. Please accept our worship today. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem

A Time for Children of All Ages

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Micah 5:1-5a](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 2:1-12](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Pastor Chuck  
"The Gifts We Bring"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** UMH #617  
"I Come With Joy"  
(v. 1,4,5)

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

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

#### Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Heavenly Father, thank you for the reminder that giving *is* a part of worship! What we give is a reflection of your place in our lives. Just as those *wise men from the East* brought gifts worthy of a King, Priest, and Savior, may our gifts reflect who you are in our lives. Please accept these gifts as part of our worship to you, and bless them for Your use in this world. We trust you, and we love you, Lord. 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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. "Awesome God"  
(once through)

Postlude

*Join us for Coffee Hour!*

**Coming Up:**

**Jan.15th - Service @10am - The Lamb of God!**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to understand how Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" ([John 1:29-42](#))

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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=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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