

# UMCM Morning Worship

January 15, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Lamb of God

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude RoseAnne Homola, Piano

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

**\*Call to Worship** Isaiah 53 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;

**People:** yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

**People:** upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,

**People:** and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

**People:** like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

**\*Opening Prayer** Leader  
Holy Jesus, we come to worship and remember the proclamation of John the Baptist that you are *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*. Give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to accept, the magnitude of that statement. May this time of worship be a turning point in our lives as we truly accept your power to take away the sins in our lives. *Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!* It's in your name that we pray. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "O the Deep,  
Deep Love of Jesus" by Tom Fettke

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Revelation 22:1-5](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [John 1:29-42](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What do you want taken away?" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Lamb of God" TFWS #2113

## We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

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

**Offering Prayer** (by: B.Florin)  
Heavenly Creator, you gave us the gift of life and everything else that we have and are. You gave Adam and Eve garments. You gave your people manna as they wandered. And you gave us Jesus Christ, the one and only way to receive the unmerited gift of eternal life. We worship you and celebrate this moment of giving back. May it be a meaningful sign of faith, and may you bless all these offerings and tithes, multiplying them in the work of Christ's body, the church. Amen.

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

\*Sending Hymn "Here I Am Lord" UMH #593

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. "Let There Be Peace On Earth" UMH#431

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour*

**Coming Up:**

**Jan.22nd - Regular Service @10am - Follow Me!**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to understand how Jesus began his ministry with the simple invitation to "Follow Me" ([Matthew 4:12-23](#)) Join us as we all endeavor to follow Him!

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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>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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