

UMCM Morning Worship

February 5, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Salt & Light

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Variations on Lower Lights" RoseAnne Homola, Piano
Words by Phillip P. Bliss arr. by Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** Psalm 112 (*Responsively*) Leader
Leader: Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in his commands.

People: **Their children will be mighty in the land; the
generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their
righteousness endures forever.

People: **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those
who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Leader: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: **Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be
remembered forever.**

Leader: They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are
steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

People: **Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the
end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

***Opening Hymn** "Gather Us In" TFWS #2236
(v. 1 - 3)

***Opening Prayer** (*By Patti Schiff*) Leader
'Morning Lord. Here we are again, another Sunday to be here to
worship You. May You be blessed by our presence today and our
worship of You. We thank You for being with us over this past week,
even when we did not recognize Your presence. Please forgive us for
the times we fell short of the things You have asked of us. Unite us
now, here, with You and with each other. We humbly ask that Your

presence fills this place as we worship You. Please let us be aware
of Your Holy Spirit here with us today. We love You Lord and we pray
this in Your Son's precious and holy name. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "A New Commandment" by David Schwoebel

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [1 Corinthians 2:1-12](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 5:13-20](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Where is the Church?" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

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

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for this day of worship. Before we
remember what Jesus did for us as we celebrate Communion, we
would like to be intentional to give thanks through the giving of
these gifts. This is not a transaction. There are no expectations. This
is just simply us, worshiping you and Your ministry in this
community by giving of ourselves in these treasures. May Your will
be done as they are put to use for your glory. May this community
see our good works and give glory to You, our Father in heaven. We
pray this all in Jesus' precious name. 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 "It is Well With My Soul" UMH #377

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

Postlude

Coffee Hour Hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

Feb. 12th - Regular Service @10am - THE Sermon Continues!

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 5:21-37](#)). 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)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Anita Stabler-Hussey
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Rose Aiello
Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

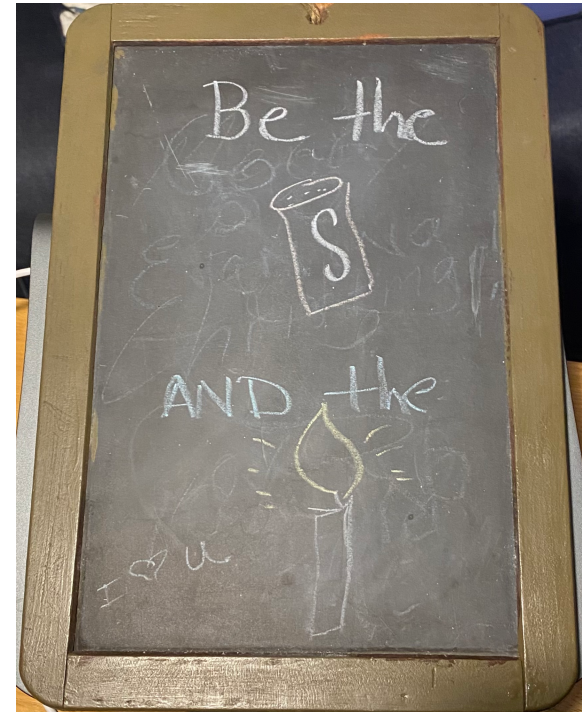
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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