

UMCM Morning Worship

February 19, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Transfiguration

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "There is a Balm in Gilead" RoseAnne Homola, Piano
by Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

***Call to Worship** Psalm 99 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;
People: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Leader: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name— He is holy.

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name;

People: they called on the Lord and He answered them.

Leader: He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

People: they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

People: for the Lord our God is holy.

***Opening Hymn** "Holy Ground" TFWS #2272
(sing 3 times)

***Opening Prayer** Leader

Holy Jesus, you are *the Light of the World* and we come here today to praise you and give thanks to you. As we remember your transfiguration on the mountaintop, let us take with us some of that light, down into the valley in which we live. Forgive us when we want to just stay up on the mountaintop, and give us the strength to take that light down into the dark corners of this world. We need your strength. We need your light. May this day prepare us to step into that valley. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "Majesty" by Jack W. Hayford

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Exodus 24:12–18](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 17:1–9](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Lamp Shining in a Dark Place" Pastor Adeline Hazzard

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH #601
(sing twice)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Holy Lord, we thank you for your Word today. We thank you for your servants who are not ashamed to proclaim your truth. We now return to you what was already yours; our lives and our treasures. May you bless them and multiply them so that Your light may shine brighter, and into new areas of Your world that need your healing touch. As we come down the mountain and into the valley, we bring ourselves, we bring our gifts, and we bring you. Shine, Jesus, Shine! Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173
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Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

Feb. 22th - Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm!

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we allow ASHES to be a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by God's gracious gift are we given everlasting life.

Feb. 26th - Regular Service @ 10am - Death & Life!

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to discuss the Death brought on by the first Adam, and the Life offered by the second Adam; Jesus! ([Matthew 4:1-11](#)). Come Join Us!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



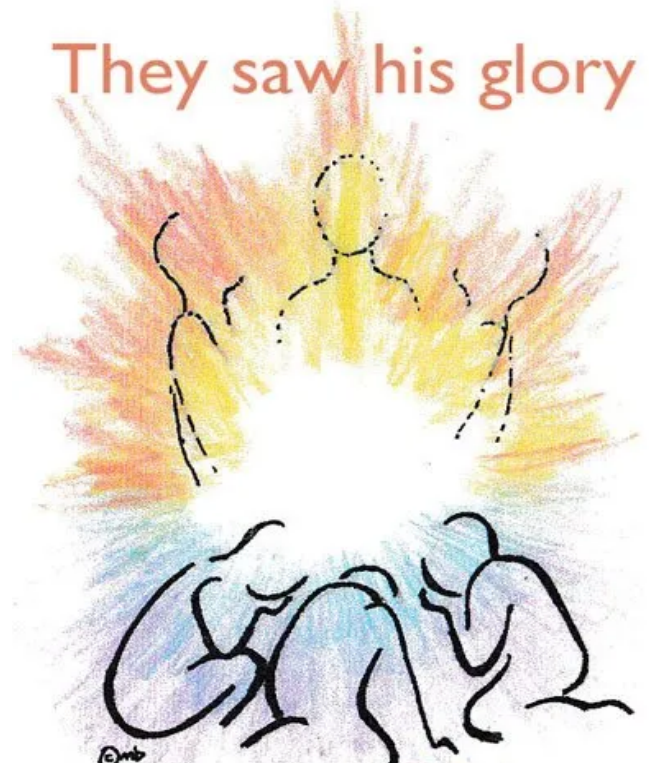
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[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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