

UMCM Morning Worship

February 26, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Death & Life

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Mystery of God" RoseAnne Homola, Piano

by Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Ed Hendricks

***Call to Worship** Psalm 32 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not
count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my
groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my
strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity.

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be
found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach
them.

People: **You are my hiding place; you will protect me from
trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

***Opening Hymn** "Lord, Who Throughout" UMH #269
These Forty Days"
(v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

***Opening Prayer** Leader
Heavenly Father, we approach this day of worship remembering that
we are dust, and to dust we will return. However, we also come to
celebrate the fact that "dust" is not the end of the story! As Paul

writes, "*Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will
also bear the image of the man of heaven.*" Amen to that, Lord!
Prepare our hearts to receive that invitation to be image-bearers of
Jesus. Give us strength to truly know that Jesus' act of
righteousness leads to justification and life for all. We thank you for
this opportunity to celebrate, to praise you, and to take one step
closer to you and Your glory. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "Give Me Jesus" by Tom Fettke

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Romans 5:12-19](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 4:1-11](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Condemnation to Justification" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Desert" TFWS #2112

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Holy and precious Jesus, this is Your altar. We humbly approach it
with Thanksgiving and praise. Please accept this offering of our
treasures - physically here today as well as electronically through
the wonders of technology. However, we are more than these
treasures. In this time of offering, let us pause to also offer our
hearts to you. <silent pause> Thank you Lord, for this time - and your

offer to be with us to accept our offering. Please use us in Your mighty ways to shine Your light in this world. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone" W&S #3104

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "You are My Hiding Place" TFWS #2055

Postlude

Coffee Hour Hosted by Ed and Betty Hendricks

Coming Up:

Mar. 5th - Communion Service @10am - Born Again?!?

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to walk in the sandals of Nicodemus to understand Jesus' words that "You must be born from above" ([John 3:1-17](#)). Come and join in the conversation!

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:

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