

# UMCM Morning Worship

March 5, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Faith & Righteousness

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude RoseAnne Homola, Piano

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 121 (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

**People:** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People:** He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**People:** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**People:** The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

**\*Opening Hymn** "To God be the Glory" UMH #98

**\*Opening Prayer** (*by Marsha Cohen*) Leader  
Heavenly Father, we come together as a community (and as a family) to pray. Also, we come to thank you for all the many blessings you bestow upon us. We pray for your guidance, love, and compassion. Please teach us The Truth of Your Word and show us how to share it with others. May these words from our hearts be acceptable to You. In your Holy Name. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "God So Loved the World" by John Stainer

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Romans 4:1–5, 13–17](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [John 3:1–17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Because He Lives" UMH #364

## We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

## \*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

### Offering Prayer

Holy Jesus, we praise you and thank you for the gift of yourself to us. You made us a promise that *everyone who believes in you may not perish but may have eternal life*. That is amazing. You are amazing. Lord, we now make a promise back to you. We promise to give these physical gifts, and the gifts of our time and talents, completely over to you with no strings attached. Use them as you will to increase our faith *in* you, and to increase our effectiveness *for* you. We love you, Lord - have your way. 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** "Living for Jesus" TFWS #2149

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Resp.**

"You Are My All, in All"  
(v.1 and refrain)

See Insert

**Postlude**

***Coffee Hour Hosted by the Reynolds Family***

**Coming Up:**

**Mar. 12th - Regular Service @10am - Seeing is Believing**

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to take a closer look at a shocking conversation between Jesus and the **Woman at the Well** ([John 4:5-42](#)). Join us and have it open your eyes as well!

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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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Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

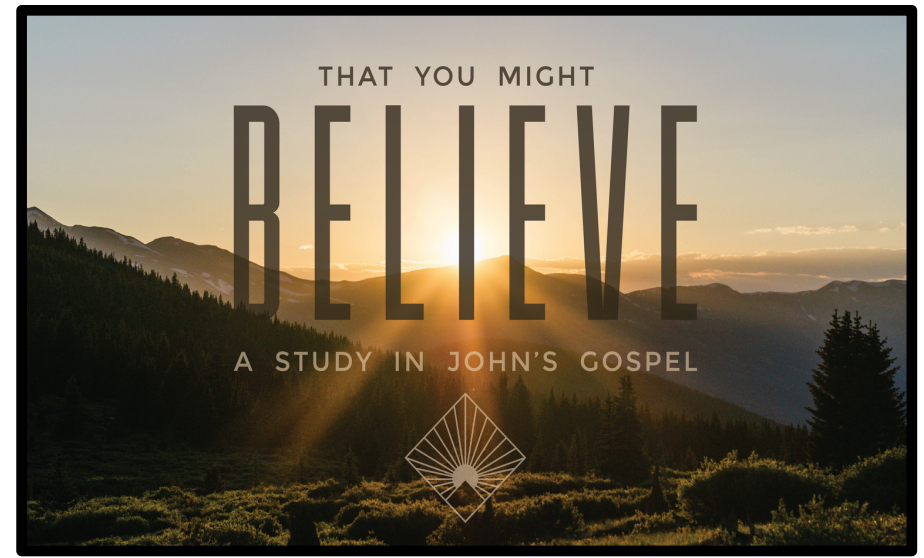
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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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