

UMCM Morning Worship

July 2, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Free from Sin

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Galatians 5 Leader

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

People: **For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another.**

Leader: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

People: **Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

Leader: For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

People: **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.**

***Opening Hymn** "America" UMH #697
(My Country, 'Tis of Thee)
(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) by Denise Wiley Leader
All mighty Father. Receive my thanks and praise for this time with you today. I pray that I will be able to hear your words, feel your presence, and let go of all that keeps me from living in your favor. You know the weight of my sin. Free me from these chains and let your truth change me. Fill me with your strength and grace. I pray

that prayer of serenity; to have the wisdom to recognize all the dark parts of my life and the strength to choose the light. Through your mercy Lord, help me to be free from my *slavery to sin* and bless me with the desire to choose to be *enslaved to you O God*, always. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sign of Peace

Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Romans 6:12–23](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 10:40–42](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Delivered from Slavery to Sin and Death" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Lord Jesus, you've given us freedom from sin, and you've given us eternal life in you. Now what can we do for you? While we know that we can never "pay you back" for these gifts, our lives are changed because of them. Thus, please take these gifts and use them to enact your will in this world. Guide us and strengthen us as well to be a *living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is our true and proper worship*. We praise you and honor you today. We are yours. It's in your name we pray. 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 "There's a Spirit in the Air" UMH #192
(v. 1,3,6)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "El Shaddai" UMH #123
(sing once through)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Gail Mas

Coming Up:

July 9th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Romans 7:15-25](#)) to ask the question, "Are You Doing Good Or Doing Well?" Join us and make it well with your soul!

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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You have been set free from sin.
God has made you his slaves.
The benefit you gain leads to holy
living. And the end result is eternal life.

Romans 6:22

Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"