# UMCM Morning Worship July 23, 2023, 10:00 am

\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: The Weeds and the Wheat

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE** 

**Prelude** 

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)

Rose Aiello

\*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 86 Leader

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

People: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole

heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Leader: For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have

delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

People: O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of

ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before

them.

Leader: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to

anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate

me may see it and be put to shame, because you,

Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

\*Opening Hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH #328 (sing twice)

\*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Leader

Heavenly Father, thank you for another day of worship. Thank you for another reminder of how you've invited us into Your family to be "the good seed" and "the children of the kingdom." Without you, Lord, we can be nothing more than "weeds among the wheat" that choke-out Your Word. Thank you for this awareness. We ask you to grant us the ability to discern the difference and show grace and love to all. We are not the judges; only You and your Heavenly Hosts are. You are God alone. We praise you and love you this day. Amen.

Words of Assurance Sign of Peace

Special Music

Rose Aiello Anita Stabler-Hussey

A Time for Children of All Ages

#### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:12–25 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Age of Grace" Pastor Chuck

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Hymn of Response "On Eagles Wings" UMH #143

(Refrain only - sing twice)

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 have given us this day. You have worked within our hearts all week, moving us to this very moment. You've allowed us to sing, to pray, and to sit in your presence. Now, you've empowered us to bring these offerings gathered here and otherwise back to you. May they be used in Your kingdom, as You see fit. Inspire those you've entrusted to their care to grow your kingdom so that more may know of your saving grace. We thank you for trusting us with your world. May your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

#### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "Creation Sings" See insert

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "The Spirit Sends Us Forth TFWS #2241

to Serve" (v. 1 & 4)

**Postlude** 

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Reynolds Family

## **Coming Up:**

July 30th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus explains the Kingdom of Heaven through Parables (Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52) Join us to hear Jesus paint the picture of heaven!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for **Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



Zoom Link (Live Meeting)



YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

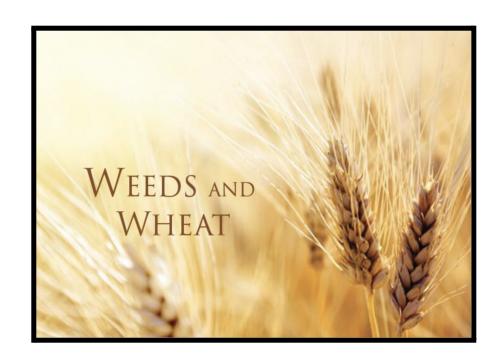
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# **Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4Yz BvdEwvSlkyQT09

> Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674 Passcode: 2819 Dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

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**Sunday, July 23, 2023** 

"Growing in the Body of Christ"