

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 \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”