

UMCM Morning Worship

July 30, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Kingdom of Heaven

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 105* Leader

Leader: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

People: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

***Opening Hymn** "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS #2140
(v. 1,3,5)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *By Denise Wiley* Leader
Lord Almighty. We greet you this morning with open hearts asking to be filled with your spirit that we know knows no bounds. Help us to be open, loving and never allow us to be separated from you. Like the mustard seed in its tiny stature that grows into a huge plant, may our love for you grow and be rooted in good soil. Heavenly Father, we know your "kingdom is like a hidden treasure", not always within our mindset. There's much that blocks our view and at the end of the age, "the evil will be separated from the righteous". May we say

"yes, we understand". Not from a place of fear, but from a place of truth, honesty, and hope. We ask all this in your holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sign of Peace

Special Music

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Romans 8:26–39](#) (NRSV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 13:31–33, 44–53](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Treasures from Heaven"

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Change My Heart, O God"
(sing twice)

TFWS#2152

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) *By Patti Schif*

Dear Lord, You have chosen to share with us the secrets of Your Kingdom, just as You shared these secrets with Your Apostles. Thank you for including us in Your Kingdom Plan. We know so many people do not know You or believe in You. We know that our world is hurting. Please use what we offer to You today, to bring others into Your Kingdom. Your true joy is that everyone will come to believe. Please use our gifts to show others the only true treasure is You. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "In His Time" TFWS #2203

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165
(Refrain, v. 1, Refrain)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Hendricks Family

Coming Up:

August 6th - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus performs the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand ([Matthew 14:13-21](#)) What can Jesus multiply in your life?

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)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Darlene Dobler-Palin
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Rose Aiello
Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

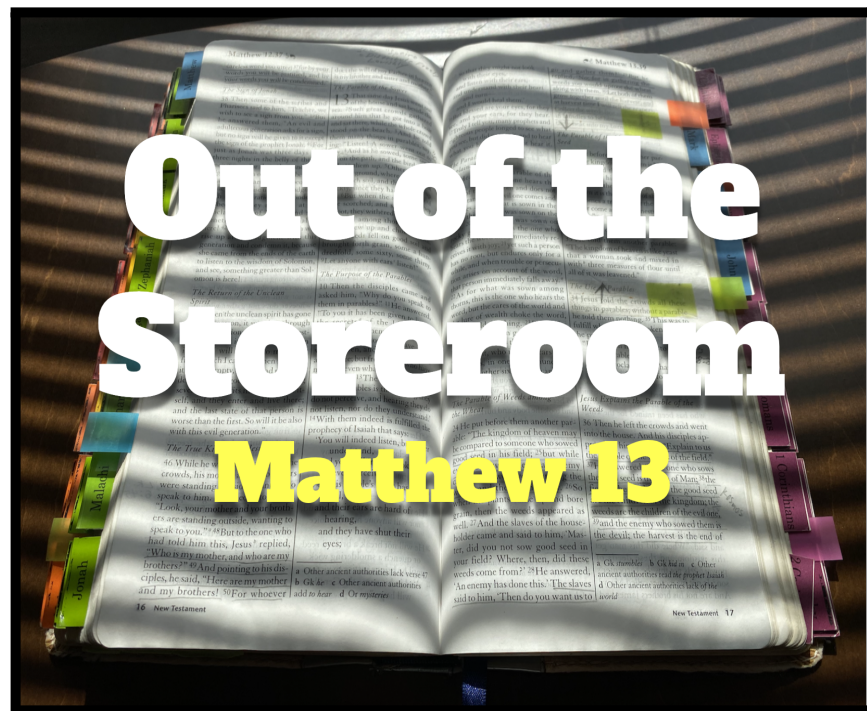
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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Sunday, July 30, 2023

"Growing in the Body of Christ"