UMCM Morning Worship
August 6, 2023, 10:00 am

Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: The Miraculous Feeding

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

*Call to Worship *(Responsively)* *Psalm 145* Leader

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

*Opening Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH #496

*Opening Prayer *(Unison)* Leader
Heavenly Father, you are the God who provides - with abundance! You are *Jehovah Jireh*. Everything we will ever need, you hold in the palms of your hands. Today, however, we will be reminded through Jesus' miracle that you also want <u>us</u> to be a part of that provision. "*Bring them here to me*," Jesus says of the meager *five loaves and two fish* that the disciples had to offer. But you used them to feed thousands. Help us today to TRUST in your provision by freely offering what we have - to You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Sign of Peace**

Special Music **The Rajpolts**

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1–5 (NRSV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13–21 (NRSV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **"Bring What You Have"** **Pastor Chuck**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

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 took an offering of a meal for two, and you abundantly fed all who were there, perfectly. What we bring to your altar today is not enough to feed thousands. However, with the faith of those disciples, and the power of your Holy Spirit within us, we trust that You can do so much more with this offering than we can even imagine. We *bring them here to you*. Do with it as you will, to feed your world, as you see fit. We give you all the glory. We love you Lord. 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 "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374
(v. 1,3,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "God Be With You Till UMH #672
We Meet Again"

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

August 13th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - *Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus walks on water and inspires Peter to do the same (Matthew 14:22–33) What can you do when you have your eyes on Jesus?*

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

Zoom Link YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Live Meeting) *(Recorded Sessions)*

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"