

UMCM Morning Worship

August 13, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Treading on the Waves of the Sea

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 107* Leader

Leader: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

People: **they saw the deeds of the Lord, His wondrous works in the deep.**

Leader: For He commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

People: **They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;**

Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

People: **He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

Leader: Then they were glad because they had quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven.

People: **Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.**

***Opening Hymn** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" UMH #357
(v. 1,3,5)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Lynn Abbott* Leader
Dear Lord, in the stormy seas we often experience in our daily life, please give us the strength, faith, and courage to stay afloat. Like Peter, we are often tried and tested. Even in humbly recognizing our failures, we are strengthened by you, our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sign of Peace

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Job 9:1-12](#) (NIV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 14:22-23](#) (NIV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Experience is the Best Teacher" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response**

"Stand By Me"
(v. 1-3)

UMH #512

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)

Heavenly Father, you've already rescued us from the stormy seas. You've delivered us even when we didn't even realize that it was your loving hand that pulled us up. We thank you for always having our backs. Now, let us give back to you just as those disciples on the boat, by worshiping your son, our Lord. May we say to Jesus today, "*Truly you are the Son of God*" by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We dedicate these gifts, and our lives today, to You. We love you, Lord. Amen.

*Sending Hymn	“We Walk By Faith” (v. 1-3)	TFWS #2196
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	“God Is So Good” (v. 1-2)	TFWS #2056
Postlude		

August 20th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus explains that it's the content of your HEART that really matters to God ([Matthew 15:10-20; 21-28](#)) What's in your walle...a...HEART? 😊



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