

# UMCM Morning Worship

## August 20, 2023, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Sing Praises to God

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)**

**John Rajpolt**

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 96** Leader  
Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
**People: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**  
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
**People: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**  
Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.  
**People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**  
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
Heavenly Father, you've brought us together today. While we have plans of what we will be doing, and learning, and singing, these are only *hints* at what you have planned for us. May your Holy Spirit lead those participating in the service, and all of us, to follow Your plans. May your Word witnessed today in the Readings, in the Songs, in the Message, and in Each other, change us. Change us to be the children that you designed us to be. We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Sign of Peace**

**Special Music** "Fill My Cup"

**Rose Aiello, Patti Early  
Sheryl Rajpolt  
See Insert**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Zephaniah 3:9-17](#) (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*New Testament Lesson:** [Col. 3:1-4;12-17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Singing the Gospel" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Video** "In Christ Alone" K.Getty & S.Townend

**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)**

Dear Lord, we sing to you a new song. We *praise your name and proclaim your salvation day after day*. Even with this offering, we give thanks to you, and put our trust in you. May these gifts, and our praises to you, echo far beyond these walls to reach the lost that you want back into your arms. We love you Lord, and we are honored to be a part of your choir. Amen.

