UMCM Morning Worship September 17, 2023, 10:00 am

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme:

Forgiveness

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude	The Lord God has Spoke	en David Paxton
Welcome &	Announcements (see insert)	Patti Schif
*Call to Wor	ship (Responsively) Psalm	103 Leader
Leader:	Praise the Lord, my soul; all m holy name.	y inmost being, praise His
People:	Praise the Lord, my soul, an benefits	d forget not all His
Leader: People:	who forgives all your sins and who redeems your life from with love and compassion,	-
Leader:	The Lord is compassionate an abounding in love.	d gracious, slow to anger,
People:	He will not always accuse, n forever;	or will he harbor his anger
Leader:	He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities	
People:	For as high as the heavens a great is His love for those w	
*Opening H	ymn "I Will Call Upon the L (each part - repeat	

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Leader

Heavenly Father, we come into Your house today as forgiven people. When we sin against others, we sin against you. And yet, you still welcome us into Your house as your precious children. You are so good to us. When we pray, "forgive us our trespasses..." please give us the wisdom and strength to genuinely say from our hearts, "...as we forgive those who trespass against us." May we truly live this day as forgiven people. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem

"Come, Let's Celebrate Jesus" Dennis and

Nan Allen

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Lector:	The W	n: <u>Genesis 50:15–21</u> (NRSV) ord of the Lord. s be to God!	Leader		
Lector:	The W	Matthew 18:21–35 (NRSV) ord of God for the People of God s be to God!			
Sermon		"A Lifestyle Change"	Pastor Chuck		
WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD					
*Hymn of Re	sponse	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	TFWS #2129		
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 Ed Hendricks

O Lord our God, you have every reason to be angry with us – because we have disobeyed you so many times. You have every right to be disappointed in us – because we use your name to curse those who have disappointed us. You have every right to condemn us – because, even though your Son, Jesus, commanded us to love one another, we still harbor grudges. But rather than condemnation, you promise us eternal life. We give you thanks that we are a forgiven people. We praise you, God Our Father, through Jesus your Son, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn	"Pass It On"	UMH #572
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"Rule of Life"	See Insert

Postlude

Join Us for Ice-Cream!

Coming Up:

September 24th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as Jesus teaches us about the <u>generosity</u> of God as He pays us, His "Laborers in the Vineyard" (<u>Matthew 20:1–16</u>) How much are you worth to God? Join us and find out!

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



Zoom Link

(Live Meeting)



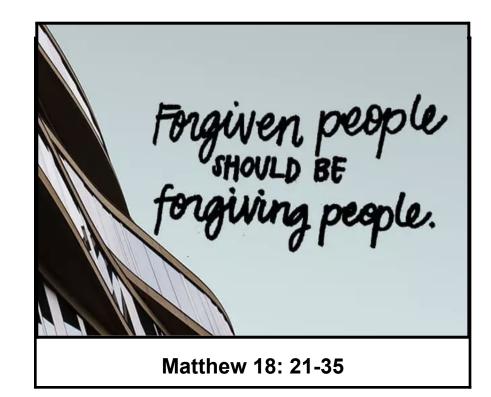
YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup) (Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4Yz BvdEwvSlkyQT09

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674 Passcode: 2819 Dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"