

UMCM Morning Worship

September 24, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Living for Christ

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude In the Courts of Praise Colin Curtis

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

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

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

Leader: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

People: They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

People: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

People: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

***Opening Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Sheryl Rajpolt Leader

Dear Lord, Thanks for so many blessings in our lives! While it's been another crazy week, somehow we've managed to get back here to be with You and our church family. We ask you to calm our stressful minds and open our willing hearts this morning so we can feel your presence in this place and in our daily lives. Replenish us with your goodness so we can face the challenges ahead and know that You are always with us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Across the Lands" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Philippians 1:21–30](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 20:1–16](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What are we selling?" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

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)

Loving Jesus, you are so generous to us. We cannot thank you enough for the tremendous blessings you make possible in our lives. Forgive us for the times we don't recognize them. Grant us the grace to embrace these gifts you so generously give. Bless us with the courage needed to share them with others, especially those who do not know you. Fill us with your spirit and your truth to know how to share what we offer you today, to change lives and build your holy church. It's in your name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn	"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (v. 1,2,4)	UMH #396
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"Rule of Life"	See Insert
Postlude		

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Arnold Family

Coming Up:

October 1st - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word. Do you have a favorite passage? Let me know and maybe we'll study it together on Sunday - YOU make the call! -P.Chuck

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)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"