

# UMCM Morning Worship

October 1, 2023, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Fellowship of Spirit

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Anita Stabler-Hussey

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Leader

Leader: We humble ourselves, so that you, Lord, will raise us up.

**People: Lord, bind us together.**

Leader: There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one Body, which is why we pray:

**People: Lord, bind us together.**

Leader: Though there are many branches, there is only one vine. We are one in Christ Jesus, which is why we pray:

**People: Lord, bind us together.**

Leader: One with Christ in His death that, as One, we might rise. So we are but one people, which is why we pray:

**People: Lord, bind us together.**

Leader: There is only one table, Christ alone is our host. He invites us together, which is why we pray:

**People: Lord, bind us together.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "How Majestic Is Your Name" TFWS #2023

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Patti Schif Leader  
Good Morning, God. We welcome You into this space today. We welcome You into our hearts as we begin this day. We welcome You into this fellowship. You are so beautiful, and You are our greatest treasure. What other words can we use to describe You? Open our hearts and our minds to this truth today. We give You all our Honor and all the Glory. We pray this in Your son's precious name. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

### Offering the Sign of Peace

**Choir Anthem** "Come, Let Us Sing" Shane McConnell

### A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Lesson:** [Philippians 2:1-13](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 21:23-32](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Unity & Humility" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226

### 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 Patti Early

Lord God, you are our great provider, and we praise and thank you. Everything we have is a gift from you. From our many blessings, help us to give from our abundance generously to glorify you and, with humility, regard the needs of others over our own. May these gifts we dedicate to you bless the ministries of this church and provide for those in need in body and in spirit. We ask these things in the name above all names, Jesus Christ our 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 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” UMH #671

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response “Rule of Life” See Insert

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour*

### Coming Up:

**October 8th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God’s Word with a message by the Bishop of the UMC New York Annual Conference! Come join us!**

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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:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

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**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**“Growing in the Body of Christ”**