

UMCM Morning Worship

October 22, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Giving to God What is God's

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Path of the Just" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Ed Hendricks

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Genesis 1 Leader
Leader: *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

People: Thank you, our triune God, for creating us in Your image and in Your likeness.

Leader: *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

People: We praise you, God, for we are made in the image of God. We are made in Your image.
By that image, may we know *who* we are; and *whose* we are.

Leader: *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

People: Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89
(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Denise Wiley Leader
Heavenly Father, you set the standard for us to determine what is truly right and good. Yet, like the Pharisees, we sometimes struggle with our call to be citizens of our heavenly kingdom and citizens of our earthly nation. Open our hearts and minds today to live out our call responsibly. Help us to remember that all we are and all we have comes from you. Just like the Roman coin bore the image of Caesar,

our hearts bear your image. May we respond with love, compassion and gratitude. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Travis Cottrell

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 45:1-10](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 22:15-22](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What's in God's Wallet?" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Preparation** "Come, Be Baptized" TFWS #2252

Baptism Amelia Rose Pastor Chuck
Parents: Stephen & Jill Rose
God Parents: Tara Candee & Scott Rose Jr

***Hymn of Response** "This Little Light of Mine" UMH #585

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)

Lord Jesus, we come to your altar today with our gifts. We dedicate the offering in these plates back to you and to your service. Thank you for trusting us with these resources, and also inspiring us to trust you with how they will be used next. May they be used to *pay to all what is due: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, and respect to whom respect is due.* Lord, we honor you with this offering. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "O, How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Rule of Life" See Insert

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

October 29th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as Jesus teaches us "The Greatest Commandment" ([Matthew 22:34-46](#)). How are you doing on that one?!?

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"