

UMCM Morning Worship

October 29, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Greatest Commandment

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Interlude for Worship" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Amy Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 110 Leader

Leader: The Lord says to my lord:
"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool
for your feet."

People: **The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion,
saying,
"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"**

Leader: *The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You
are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."*

People: **The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on
the day of his wrath.**

Leader: *He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and
crushing the rulers of the whole earth.*

People: **He will drink from a brook along the way, and so he
will lift his head high.**

***Opening Hymn** "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, we come here to worship You as our one and only
true God. May we hear and understand your words to us, saying
"*The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.*" Forgive us when we put other
things before you. Have grace when possessions, or recognition, or
our own comfort become false idols that we worship instead of you.
May we have the strength today to love You "*with all our heart, and
with all our soul, and with all our might.*" We need your help. We
need your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "All that I Am" Stefan Youngblood

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 22:34-46](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Simple Seminary" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Spirit of God" TFWS #2117
(v. 1,2,5)

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)

Holy God, we have heard, and we have listened. You are the one and
only true God. You are ours, and we are yours. Today, Lord, we
choose to love you with everything we are, and everything we have.
Our giving today *is in response* to our love for you. This act is not for
us, but for you so that our love may flow through these gifts to touch
the lives of our neighbors in this area and beyond. Have your way
with us, and these gifts. May today be the day we love you, and love
others, first. We pray this all in your son's precious name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Fill Us with Your Love O Lord" See Insert

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Rule of Life" See Overhead

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

November 5th - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am -

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as

Jesus teaches what it means to be humble ([Matthew 23:1-12](#)).

Humble yourself and He will lift you up!

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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Here, O Israel

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ

The LORD is our God

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the LORD alone

Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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Sunday, October 29, 2023

"Growing in the Body of Christ"