UMCM Morning Worship November 5, 2023, 10:00 am

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: For All Saints

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "I Need Thee Every Hour" Steve Scott

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 107 Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast

love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those He

redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the

lands.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an

inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted

within them.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He

delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty

ground.

People: He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land

into springs of water.

Leader: And there He lets the hungry live, and they establish a

town to live in:

People: they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful

yield.

*Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" UMH #711

(v. 1,2,4)

All Saint's Recognition

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by Patti Schif Leader Heavenly Father, our World is in such chaos right now. Sometimes there is just a loss for words. Our hearts break for what we see. We can't even imagine how it breaks Your heart to see the pain. But you have given us Your Word and You have promised You will always be

with us. In Joshua today, we will be reminded that You are the Living God. We will be reminded that when we step out in Faith, You are there. You go before us, and You are with us. We ask today, that we be renewed in Your strength, so that we can go out into the world to share the joy and the hope that is only found in You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "I Call to You"

Hal Wright

A Time for Children of All Ages

Gratitude Moment

Sheryl Rajpolt

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 3:5–17 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 23:1–12 (NRSV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Committed" or "Interested"?

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" UMH #614 (v. 1-3)

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 commit this offering to your service. We thank those who came before us who offered a model of faith. Now, may *our* lives, and *these* gifts, be used as a witness to the world that you keep your promises. We can all have faith in you. We pray this in your name. 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 "Marching to Zion"

UMH #733

(v. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Rule of Life" See Overhead

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Gail Mas

Coming Up:

November 12th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom of Heaven (<u>Matthew 25:1–13</u>). \square Give me Oil in my Lamp! \square

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:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"