

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.

Sunday, November 5, 2023
“Growing in the Body of Christ”