

UMCM Morning Worship

November 12, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Singing God's Praises

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Blessed Assurance"

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

Gratitude Moment Sheryl Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 78* Leader
Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**

Leader: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

People: **He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;**

Leader: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

People: **so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**

***Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Jesus, we are grateful for those who are like you, those who are willing to sacrifice and to serve. Strengthen the many men and women who put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Help all military personnel to serve with honor, wisdom, and compassion. Guard them from hard heartedness, despair, and evil. Bring help and healing to all who still struggle in body and mind because of what

they have experienced. Strengthen and bless military families, especially when they are separated one from another. Console and comfort military families, especially those who continue to grieve loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice. Surround them, and all of us, with your protection, your grace, and your peace. We ask this in your strong and holy name, for you are our Savior, our Lord, The Resurrection and the Life, The Prince of Peace. Amen

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Joshua 24:14-28](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 25:1-13](#) (NKJV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

PIVOT Ministries

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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)

Heavenly father, you've given us so many gifts. You've blessed us with the gift of music, the gift of your strength to dispel the darkness, and the gift of fellowship with Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Most importantly, you've given us your Holy Spirit to be with us always, "to the very end of the age." May this offering, and our presence here to serve your Church, be our gift of gratitude back to you. Use it, and use us, to sing your praises into every dark corner of this world so that more may know that You Live, and it's You who provides life. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn	"Seek Ye First"	UMH #405
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"Rule of Life"	See Overhead
Postlude		

Join Us for our Potluck Lunch with PIVOT

Coming Up:

November 19th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as Jesus teaches us the Parable of the Talents ([Matthew 25:14–30](#)). How are you using the resources that God has given you?

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"