

UMCM Morning Worship

November 19, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Stewardship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Triumph and Thanksgiving" Franklin Ritter

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Schif

Gratitude Moment Rose Aiello

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 104 Leader

Leader: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: **There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small.**

Leader: There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

People: **All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

People: **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

***Opening Hymn** "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH #694
(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Jesus, you give and you give. Even when we don't realize the blessings that you shower into our lives, you just keep on giving. In your Word today, we're reminded that you *give to each, according to our ability*. Lord, whatever you've given to each of us, may we

realize today that it is of *your* choosing. *Gratitude is realizing that what we have is enough.* May this day of worship be one of gratitude - and a new opportunity for us to be good stewards of what you've blessed us with. May your Holy Spirit reign in our hearts, making us *good and faithful servants* of your gifts to us, allowing us to *come and share our master's happiness!*" In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "We Shall Be Thankful" Andrew Duncan

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 25:14-30](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Protect the House" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92
(v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

UMC Family Commitment Pledge Moment

***Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts**

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy Father, we truly come to your altar today as your Church. These gifts - and these pledges - represent our trust in you. While we

realize that everything we have is a gift from you, it is still hard to “let go.” Please give us peace, knowing that you are in control of how these resources will be used. Inspire and direct the stewards that you have chosen to use them to your glory. May your church, here and around the globe, *have life and have it abundantly*. We pray this all in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” UMH #102

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Rule of Life” See Overhead

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Lynn Abbott

Coming Up:

November 26th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us **LIVE** or **ONLINE** as we continue to study God’s Word as Jesus teaches us who we’re serving when we follow the will of God ([Matthew 25: 31-46](#)). Little Hint: We’re serving Jesus! So, go and serve!

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)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif

Liturgist: Patti Schif

Piano/Organ: RoseAnne Homola

Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

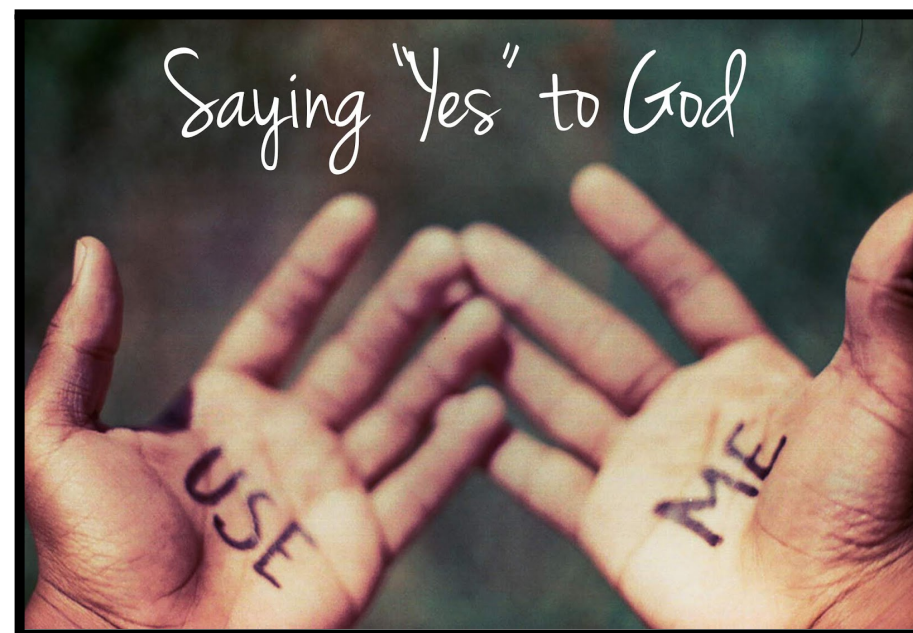
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

“Growing in the Body of Christ”