

# UMCM Morning Worship

## November 26, 2023, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Thankful for Christ, The King

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Lead on O King Eternal" Robert W. Thygerson

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Rose Aiello

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 100 Leader

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**People:** **Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**People:** **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327  
(v. 1,2,4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
Heavenly Father: As we come together to Worship you and celebrate Christ The King Day as well as the end of a Thanksgiving weekend, please help us to be your Servants and listen to your Word and hear what it is you want each of us to take away from this time together. We know you have a different plan for each one of us, Lord, and we ask you now to calm our minds and hearts and help us to be aware of what that plan is. We Love you Lord and ask this prayer in your name, Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering the Sign of Peace**

**Choir Anthem** "Let All Things Now Living" Katherine Davis

**A Time for Children of All Ages** Amy & Michelle Rajpolt

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Lesson:** [Ephesians 1:15-23](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 25: 31-46](#) (NRSVUE)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Giving Thanks or Thanksgiving" Anita Stabler-Hussey

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "My Tribute" UMH #99  
(sing twice)

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Dave York

### Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

#### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our lives. You have provided us with more than we could ever have imagined. You have surrounded us with people who always look out for one another. You have given us family and friends who bless us every day with kind words and actions. You have shown us how to be your people and do your will daily. We are so grateful to you Lord and will continue to try and do your will and love you as much as you have always loved us. To this we present this offering to you to use for your Church as you use your people for you. May we and these Offerings be a gift to you Father as we show how grateful we all are for the many gifts you Give each of us daily. In your Name we pray this, Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- \***Sending Hymn** "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" UMH #400
- \***Benediction**
- \***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431  
(v.1)

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour*

### **Coming Up:**

**December 3rd - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am -**  
Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word as Jesus teaches us several lessons on living our lives in anticipation of his coming ([Mark 13:24–37](#)). Are you ready?

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



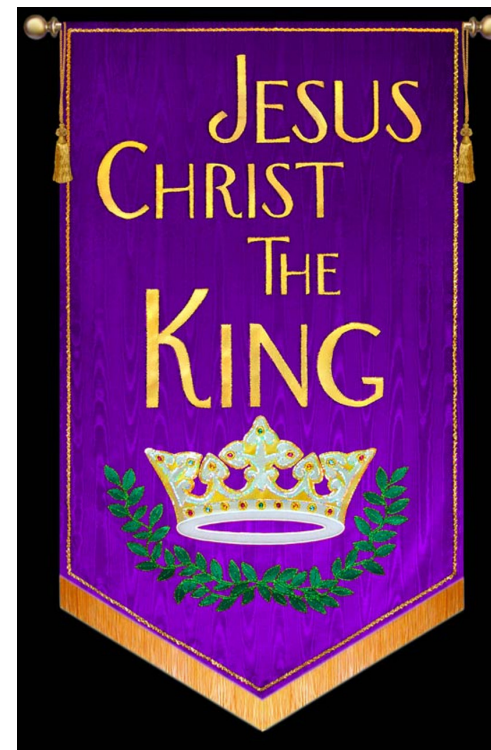
[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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

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**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***