

UMCM Morning Worship

December 3, 2023, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Hope

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

Advent Candle Lighting Hope Aidan Zvovushe-Ramos

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 80 Leader

Leader: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

People: Awaken your might; come and save us.

Leader: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

People: How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

Leader: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

People: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Leader: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

People: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

***Opening Hymn** "People Look East" UMH #202

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Lord Jesus, you are certainly *on the way!* While we anticipate the celebration of your birth, please give us the strength to understand that *you are already here*. That is truly where we get our Hope. While we look forward to your second coming, you also promised to be *with us always, to the end of the age*. You are here! We are here to celebrate you, and with you, today. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem

"Advent Prayer"

Patrick M. Liebergen

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 64:1–9](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 13:24–37](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152
(sing twice)

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) by Germaine Copeland

Father, thank you for food, clothing, and shelter. In the name of Jesus, I am learning to stop being perpetually uneasy about my life, what I shall eat and what I shall drink, or about my body, what I shall put on. My life is greater than food, and my body is far above and more excellent than clothing. In the name of Jesus, I shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. And the Word became human and made His home among us. Jesus, You are the Bread of Life that gives me life, the Living Bread. Thank you, Father, in the name of Jesus, for spiritual bread - manna from heaven. 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 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” UMH #204
(sing twice)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

December 10th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God’s Word as we “prepare the way of the Lord!” ([Mark 1:1–8](#)). How are you preparing?

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”