

# UMCM Morning Worship

## February 11, 2024, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Galatians 5 - Walking in the Spirit

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Lower Lights" Robert Thygerson

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** UMC Youth

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 139* Leader

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

**People:** **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**People:** **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**People:** **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

**People:** **even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH #221

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
Come, Holy Spirit! Some have come here today to encounter You. Some have come today in anticipation of peace and healing. Some are simply searching. Lord God, you know all this, but more importantly, you know what we truly need. Allow our Holy Spirit to indwell this place. Be with us to guide us, to heal us, to give us your peace. This service is now yours. May we walk in the Spirit. May we walk in the way that leads to life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering the Sign of Peace**

**Choir Anthem** "What a Savior" Kyle Hill

**A Time for Children of All Ages** UMC Youth

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Lesson:** [Galatians 5:16-26](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:15-21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

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

**Sermon** "Walk by the Spirit" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "You Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" See Insert

**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)**

Oh Lord, my God. When I, in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder. Thy power throughout the universe displayed. We now offer ourselves, and these gifts, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. May your Holy Spirit guide us and direct these treasures for Your use. For you are our Lord, our Redeemer. How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH #454

\*Benediction

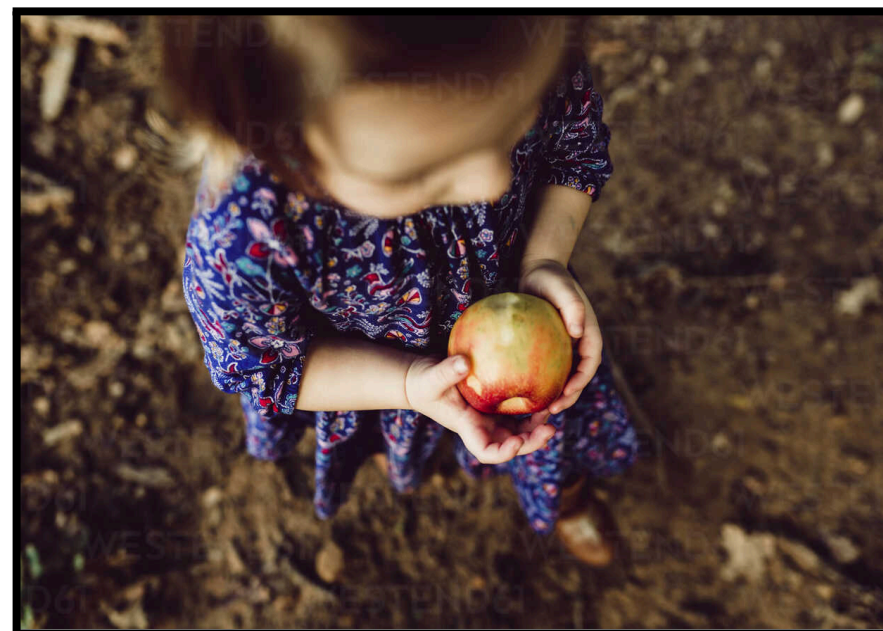
\*Benediction Response "Go Now in Peace" UMH #665

Postlude

***Join Us for Souper Bowl of Hunger Coffee Hour  
Hosted by UMC Youth***

**Coming Up:**

***February 18th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue the study of Paul's letter to the church in Galatia ([Galatians 6](#)) Are you growing weary? Harvest time is coming.***



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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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

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