

UMCM Morning Worship

March 17, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Living Water

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" John Troutman

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 78 Leader

Leader: In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

People: **He divided the sea and let them pass through it and made the waters stand like a heap.**

Leader: In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light.

People: **He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

Leader: He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

People: **Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.**

Leader: They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.

People: **Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven.**

*Opening Hymn "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" UMH #297

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by Lauren Cacace Leader

Dear God, Let us center ourselves through worship and be comforted by the knowledge that God gives us the grace to begin anew despite all our mistakes and shortcomings. As Hebrews chapter 10, verse 22 tells us, "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." We humbly ask for such cleansing today, God. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "In the Shadow of the Cross" Jeff Lippencott

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Nehemiah 9:13-21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [John 7:1-13,37-39](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Never be thirsty again" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "Change My Heart O God" TFWS #2152

Baptism Dylan Michael Cacace

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)

Dear Jesus, thank you for your free gift of *living water*. You have the ability to satisfy our "thirst" better than any other - if we just come to you and "drink." Plus, you promise that in your divine abundance, *rivers of living water* will flow out of us! Your gifts are amazing. May this offering of our treasures be an example of that *living water* flowing back out of us and directly to those who thirst for you. You are *Jahova Jira*, the God who Provides. We thank you for your provision and ask that you bless these gifts for your use. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

