

# UMCM Morning Worship

February 16, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Instructions for Living

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Soul Set Free" David Paxton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Dylan Palin

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 1 Leader

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

People: **and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: **for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Marching to Zion" WS #733  
(v. 1,2,4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel Leader  
Good morning God. Good morning Jesus. Good morning Spirit. How amazing and beautiful You are! These attributes are unfathomable to us, in our humanness. We thank You for the glimpses of Your Holiness and beauty as we daily strive to walk in step with You. In Your Word today, we will hear of Your Blessings and Your woes. Help our hearing of this to not sow fear. Rather, help us to know, more deeply, that Your desire is to have full communion with each one of us. Help us to understand what this means. Help us to know You want us each to invite You into every facet of your lives, to guide, to love, to instruct, to teach and to forgive each one of us. For it is only in

knowing You that we will know who we are. It is only in You that we will have eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Doxology of Praise" Tom Fettke

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Jeremiah 17:5-10](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 6:17-26](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Where do you plant your Trust?" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH #66  
(v. 1-3)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

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

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, today we give back to you what has always been yours. We give our treasures and ourselves. Thank you for trusting us with these gifts. We now return them to you, for your use. Thank you for giving us the ability to trust you. You know us better than we know ourselves. You had plans for us before we were even conceived. Use us, and these treasures, in mighty ways for your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

\*Sending Hymn "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" UMH #402  
(v. 1,2,4)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Amen, Amen" TFWS #2072  
(sing twice)

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour*

**Coming Up:**

**Feb. 23rd - Regular Worship Service @10am - Love for who!?!?**  
Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as  
Jesus tells us to love our enemies ([Luke 6:27-38](#)) Love!

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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=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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