

UMCM Morning Worship

March 2, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Transfiguration

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Medley of Hymns

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Psalm 99 Leader

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

People: **He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

Leader: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

People: **Let them praise your great and awesome name— He is holy.**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them.

People: **He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

Leader: Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

People: **Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

*Opening Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by a UMCM Angel Leader

Loving God, you are the Light of the World, the source of goodness, hope and purpose in our lives. We have come together this morning to praise you in worship seeking your wisdom and mercy. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to *listen to you*, and fail to follow the perfect example you have provided in your son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we fail to reflect your light and love. Help us to radiate your love, shine your light in the darkness around us, and bring others to

know the promise of eternal life through our Savior, *your son, your Chosen*, in whose name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Special Music

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Exodus 34:29–35](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [Luke 9:28–36](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Shine, Jesus, Shine!" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

*Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Ed Hendricks

Dear Jesus you are truly the God of surprises, the God of miracles, the God of blessings, and the God of Transformation. We gather before you as your apostles did when you invited them to join you as you revealed your true Glory. Like Peter, James and John, we have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we too have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. But we must realize that that is our desire, not yours. As we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our lives, keep us mindful that our real mission begins as we walk out the doors of this church. Help us to hold onto our mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts, and may you use each of us and the gifts we present to you now to Transform the world. We pray this boldly in Jesus' name. 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 "He is Exalted" TFWS #2070

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "I Give Myself to You" Insert

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Jennings Family

Coming Up:

March 5th - Ash Wednesday Service @7pm

March 9th - Sunday Worship Service @10am. Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus is tempted by Satan - and WINS! ([Luke 4:1-13](#)) Let's learn from our Lord.

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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Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674

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