

UMCM Morning Worship

March 9, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Tested...

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Light of the World" Franklin Ritter

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Dylan Palin

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Psalm 91* Leader

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

People: will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

People: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

Leader: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

People: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

***Opening Hymn** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (v. 1,2,4,5) UMH #269

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader
Merciful Jesus, you know every way we struggle in our battles against temptation. We try not to stumble in our walks of faith. We try not to believe the evil one's many lies; and so many things can veer us off that righteous path. We also know that it isn't realistic to expect to be able to completely avoid being tempted in life.

Therefore, we look to you, loving Jesus to bless us with the strength to patiently and faithfully endure all testing and to overcome it. Clothe us with your armor, guard our hearts, bring clarity and truth to our lens, help us stay rooted in your Word. Lord, be our fortress and deliverer in all moments of temptation. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" Mark A. Miller

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Ephesians 6:10-20](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 4:1-13](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "...and Triumphant" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS #2112

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

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

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy and loving Jesus, you are the God who gives without asking for anything in return. You've allowed us to be here today, healthy enough to read these words and spend this time with you. You've provided warmth, food, and water for our physical needs. You've provided your Holy Spirit for our spiritual needs. What more do we truly need? Since you've already *given us this day our daily bread*,

please allow us to give something back to you. We offer these gifts, and our efforts to be your hands and feet. Use them in your kingdom, for your glory. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS #2140
(v. 1,3,5)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "On Eagle's Wings" UMH #143
(refrain only)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Heather & Steve Arnold

Coming Up:

March 16th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am. Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus laments over Jerusalem ([Luke 13:31-35](#)) How are WE doing?

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)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schiff

Liturgist: Dylan Palin

Keyboards: RoseAnne Homola

Lay Leader: Patti Early

Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

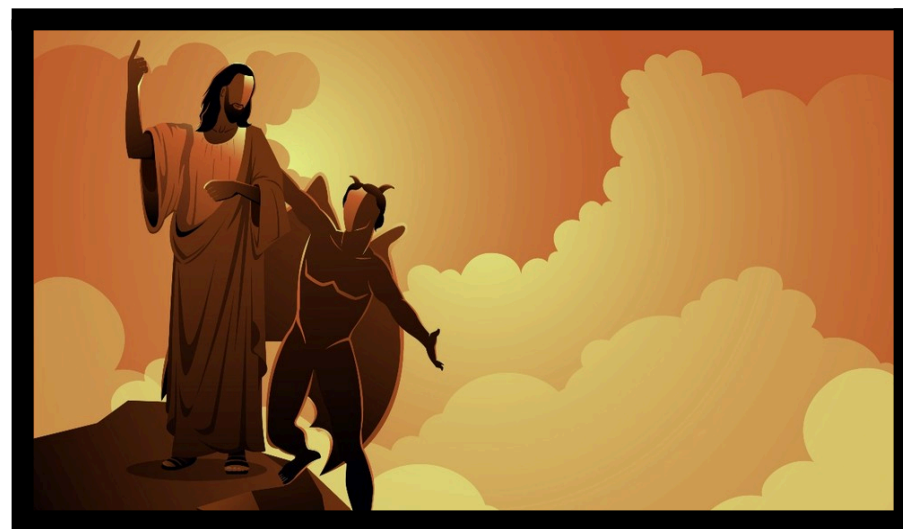
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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