UMCM Morning Worship March 16, 2025, 10:00 am

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: Jesus' Time in the Wilderness

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 63 Leader

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;

People: I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry

and parched land where there is no water.

Amy Rajpolt

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power

and your glory.

People: Because your love is better than life, my lips will

glorify you.

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift

up my hands.

People: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;

with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Leader: On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the

watches of the night.

People: Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your

wings.

*Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" (v. 1-3) UMH #64

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by Dotti Hostler

Lord, some days we are like Jonah, not willing to accept the task that you have given to us. Perhaps making a judgement on who deserves your forgiveness when it is you that offers forgiveness. May we take heed to the reaction of the people of Nineveh. They were given forty days to repent and turn toward you. We don't know our timetable. So let us take this opportunity to turn from sin and repent, make our hearts right with you that we may walk in righteousness with you all the days of our lives. Hear our prayer, oh Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Wade in the Water" Mark Hayes

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-10 (ESV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "The Willing Messenger." Brian Sherwood A look at Jesus who descended to save those who don't deserve it according

to the Father's will.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

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

*Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) 1 Timothy 6:17-19

We pray that those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. We pray that they do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "We Sing to You, O God" TFWS #2001

(v. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Step By Step" WS #3004

(sing once)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

March 23rd. - Sunday Worship Service @10am. Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus tells the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (<u>Luke 13:1-9</u>) Are you producing fruit?

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

Zoom Link (Live Meeting)



YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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