

# 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)** Amy Rajpolt

**\*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.**

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 Leader

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.

