

# UMCM Morning Worship

March 23, 2025, 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** God's Gift of Patience

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Kendall Sherman

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Psalm 145* Leader

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**People:** **Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**People:** **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People:** **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**People:** **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" UMH #357  
(v. 1,3,5,6)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader  
Lord, we enter through these doors to spend some sacred time with you. Your sanctuary where we come to hear words of Scripture, encouragement and hope. Outside spring has begun and as the earth is bringing forth new birth, let it be so within our hearts. Stir in us the desire to come closer to you. As we follow in your footsteps, may they lead us to the salvation that results in eternal life. We praise you with gratefulness. Amen

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering the Sign of Peace**

**Special Music**

"Hymn Sing"

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** [2 Peter 3:8-15a](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke:13:1-9](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "The Patience of our Lord is Salvation" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577  
(v. 1,2,4)

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

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

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Holy Jesus, we thank you again for your gifts to us. You've given us your air to breathe, this place in which to worship, and this family to be a part of. We thank you especially today for your gift of *time* here on this earth. You formed us in your Father's image and set us to go about your work in this world. While we're still breathing, you have given us all time to not only be your hands and feet, but to turn and follow you. May we use the gifts that you've given us to do just that; to be a light shining in the darkness. May we use our time, our talents, our treasures, and our thoughts in service to you and your kingdom. Bless us, and these gifts, to your service. Amen.

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

\*Sending Hymn "I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Step By Step" WS #3004  
(sing once)

Postlude

**Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Gail Mas**

**Coming Up:**

**March 30th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am.** Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus tells another story of repentance in the parable of the Prodigal Son ([Luke 15:11-32](#)) What are you doing with your time and treasures?

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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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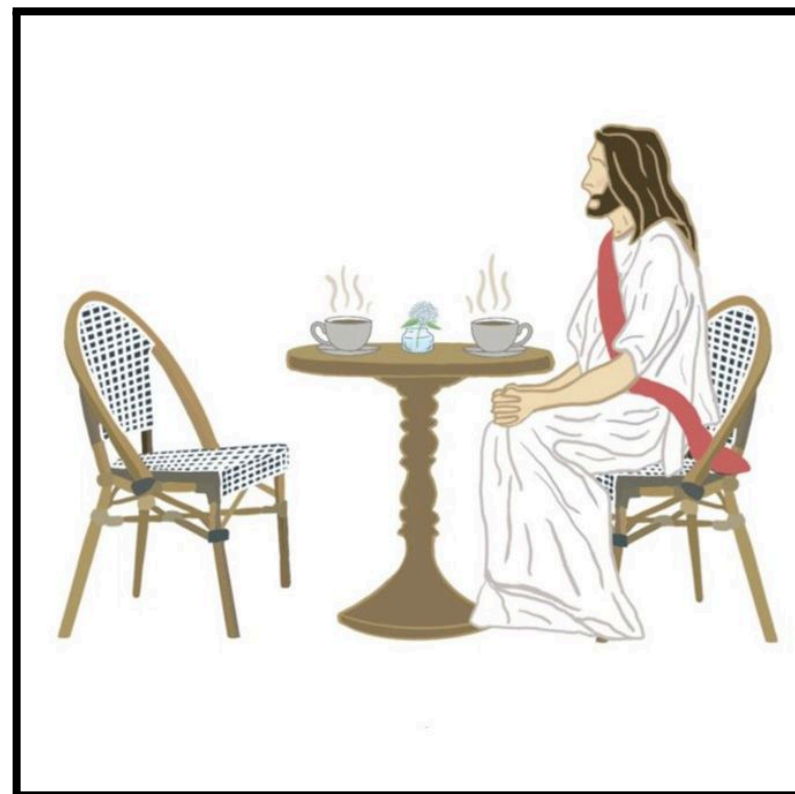
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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***