

UMCM Morning Worship

March 30, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Reconciliation

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Mystery of God" Paul Taylor

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Heather Arnold

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 32 Leader

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count
against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the
Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

People: **Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may
be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will
not reach them.**

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing
love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

People: **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing,
all you who are upright in heart!**

*Opening Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

*Opening Prayer (Unison) by a UMCM Angel Leader
Jesus, if we are honest, we can admit that in some way we are your
prodigal sons and daughters. You know the ways we have strayed
from you and how we are not living or loving as you command us to.
And yet, here you are, with outstretched arms loving us anyway and
pouring mercy upon us. You Lord, are the way to reconciliation with
our mighty God. Help soften and open our hearts to you; to be able
to mirror God's forgiveness to others. We ask for this grace; a free
gift not earned by our actions but through Jesus's sacrifice for us, in
whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem

"How Deep the Father's
Love for Us" Stuart Townend

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [2 Corinthians 5:16–21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [Luke 15:11-32](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Reconciled with God"

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response

"Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)"

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

*Doxology & the Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy and loving God, we praise you. You listen for us when we're too
busy to talk. You love us when we don't feel very lovable. Then you
go and throw a party when we finally decide to trust in your son,
Jesus. You are truly one that we can never "outgive"! Still, we
approach your altar to try our best to show our gratitude to you
through giving. We give these treasures. We give you our attention.
We give you our love. Please accept these things as our offering to
you. We praise you, and we trust you, and we love you. We pray this
all in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS #2151

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152
(sing once)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

April 6th. - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am. Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus is anointed by Mary ([John 12:1-8](#)). What is Jesus worth to you?

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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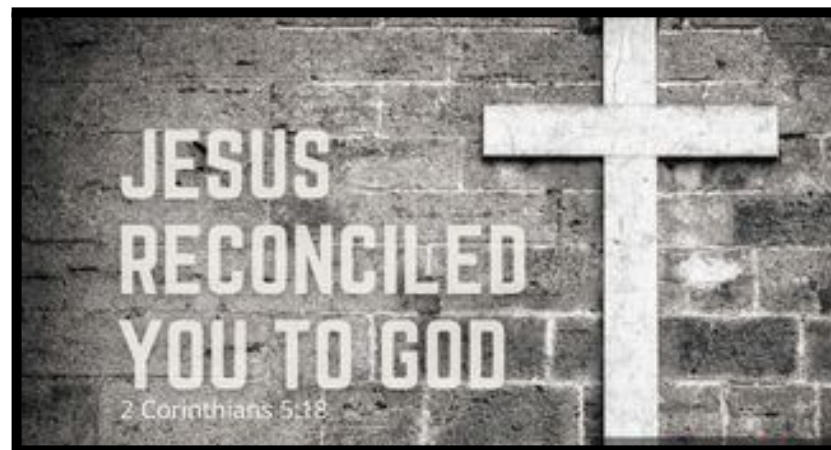
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"