

UMCM Morning Worship

April 6, 2025, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Value of a Relationship

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "There is A Balm in Gilead" Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Early

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 19 Leader

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

People: sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57
(v. 1,3,4,7)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel Leader
Dear Heavenly Father, You have given us our physical bodies to interact in this world You created. For that, we are grateful. We are able to see beauty. We are able to hear beautiful sounds, to taste and smell many amazing things. We are also able to be touched by and embrace those we love. However, nothing compares to Your beauty.

It is through our *Spirit* we are able to connect with Your Spirit. This is where true beauty lies. Words cannot fully describe Your glory. Open our Spiritual eyes and ears to experience more fully Your beauty. We thank You for all the beauty You have surrounded us with today. Help us to strive more for You, the Creator. For it is there we will find Your glory. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Sign of Peace

Choir Anthem "Pie Jesu" Andrew Lloyd Webber
Quartet: Rose Aiello, Heather Arnold, Patti Early, Sheryl Rajpolt

Translation: "Merciful Jesus, Father, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, Father, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest, everlasting rest."

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Philippians 3:4b-14](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 12:1-8](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Profit & Loss" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "O, How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

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

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

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Dear Jesus, we once again approach your altar to offer you our "treasures." However, as reminded by Paul, our true "treasure" is simply knowing you. Thus, please accept these "gifts" as tools in your hands to better your kingdom. We pray that you use them as building blocks to bring more people to knowing, and loving, you. But, not our will, but yours be done. We pray this in your name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "More Like You" TFWS #2167
(refrain only)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

April 13th. - Palm Sunday and Communion Worship Service
@10am. Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to experience Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem ([Luke 19:28-40](#))

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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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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