

# Sunday Worship

March 15, 2026 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Open the Eyes of My Heart

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Resting In Jesus" Ben Logan

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Darlene Dobler-Palin

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 119 Leader

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People:** Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart.

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**People:** I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Leader: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**People:** Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**People:** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**\*Opening Hymn** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (v. 1, 2, 3, 5) UMH #136

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel Leader  
Gracious and loving God, we come before You this morning with grateful hearts. You are our Shepherd, guiding us, providing for us, and leading us in paths of righteousness. Yet we confess that there are times when our eyes grow dim to Your presence and our hearts grow slow to recognize Your work around us. Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, that we may see Your truth more clearly and follow where You lead. As Your Word lights our path, help us to trust Your guidance, rest in Your care, and walk faithfully in Your ways. Fill this time of worship with Your Spirit, that we may hear Your voice, grow

in Your love, and be renewed in our faith. In the name of Jesus, our Shepherd and Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "In the Shadow of the Cross" Jeff Lippencott

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** John 9:1-12, 24-25 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Message** "Though I was Blind, Now I See" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

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

**\*Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel  
Gracious God, You are the One who opens blind eyes and reveals Your truth to our hearts. Too often we move through life without fully seeing Your presence, Your blessings, or the needs of those around us. Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, that we may recognize Your grace in our lives and respond with grateful and generous spirits. As we bring these gifts before You, help us to see as You see—so that through our giving, others may experience Your love, hope, and healing. May these offerings be used to bring light where there is darkness and sight where there is blindness. We offer them with thankful hearts, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Light. Amen.

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

\*Sending Hymn "Open the Eyes of My Heart" WS #3008

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Peace, Shalaam, Shalom" WS #3181

**Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello**

***Coming Up:***

**March 22nd. - for Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to see how Jesus' mercy breathes life into places where there was once death ([John 11:1-16,38-44](#)). Ready to get out of your grave?**

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



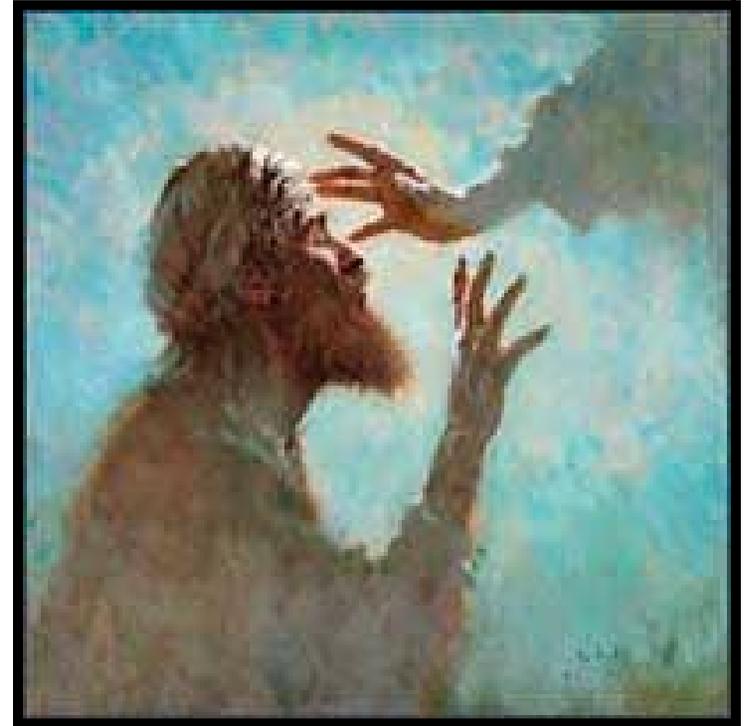
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[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**



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