Sunday Worship

November 1, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Exalted

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Bread of Heaven" Marc Jordan

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** *(Responsively)* *Psalm 107* Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

Leader: He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

People: a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

Leader: He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

People: And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in.

***Opening Hymn** "For All the Saints" (v.1, 2, 4) UMH #711

All Saint's Recognition

Opening Prayer *(Unison) *by a UMCM Saint among us* Leader

Father, I come to you today and humble myself in your holy presence. Help me shed my arrogance and the thoughts that corrupt me. Let me not be tempted to exalt myself, but instead place my full dependence on You. I pray, Lord, that in my humble state, You might offer me a glimpse of Your glory today in this day of worship in Your house. Holy Spirit, help me hear what You need me to hear in the message before us. Let me have the courage to follow where You lead and to see the wonderful acts that You do all around me. I pray this in the blessed name of Jesus, our Messiah and our one true instructor. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Place at His Table" Lowell Alexander

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 3:7–17 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 23:1–12 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message **Embracing the Promise** **Pastor Chuck**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Offering Prayer (Unison) *by a UMCM Saint among us*

Dear Lord of all blessings, on this All Saints Sunday, we thank You for our loved ones who have gone on to be with You. They have inspired us in our faith and have taught us to appreciate your many gifts and to give generously to help to do Your will through our church community. Accept these offerings in thanks to You and in honor of our many saints who continue to give back through us. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING **Pastor Chuck**

Giving of the Bread and Cup **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn**	"Hymn of Promise"	UMH #707
***Benediction**		
***Benediction Response**	"Rule of Life"	WS #3117
Postlude		

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

November 8st. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - *Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word (Luke 2:41-52) and hear from one of our own to explore "What is a Family?" Come join us!*

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship

Zoom Link
(Live Meeting)

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

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Anita Stabler-Hussey
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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