

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



*So on the  
seventh day  
He rested from  
all his work.  
Genesis 2:2*



*Remember  
the Sabbath  
day, to keep  
it holy.  
Exodus 20:8*

**Order of Worship – Outdoor Communion Service**

**WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Gathering Music**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Traditional

Bill Sturgis - bass; Emily Messner - dobro; Dan LaRusso - banjo; Alice LaRusso - guitar

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Opening Prayer**

**On this day  
the blessings of heaven.  
On this day  
the blessings of earth.  
On this day  
the blessings of sea and of sky.  
To open us to life  
to ground us in life  
to fill us with life  
and with wonder.  
On those we love this day  
and on every human family  
the blessings of heaven  
the blessings of earth  
the blessings of sea and of sky. Amen.**

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.



### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

**You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways.  
And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word.  
You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways. With all the  
power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening . . .  
for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.**

#### Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11, Exodus 23:10-12, Leviticus 25:8-12  
*A selection of readings around sabbath - from the creation story, the ten  
commandments, and the law codes.*

CEB

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**



Sermon

Rev. Michelle Mejia

### Invitation to Holy Communion and Giving

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join in a hymn of life that never ends:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest...**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

...And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the Lord's Prayer:

*(Special version from the NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK)*

**Eternal Spirit  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through  
the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Holy Communion**

*All are invited to come forward and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. As you come to the table, we ask that you keep your mask on, pick up the prepackaged wafer and juice, and return to your seats. You may also use this time to place any offerings you have in the ceramic bowl. Once you return to your seats, you may unmask, and Pastor Michelle will guide us in the taking of the wafer and the juice together.*

### **Communion Music**

*O How I Love Jesus*  
Strings and Millicent Scarlett- soprano





**Hymn**

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

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God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

**Opportunities for Connection and Service**

**Benediction**

**Closing Music**

*I'll Fly Away*

Traditional

*\*To share your offering, you may use this link:  
<https://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving> Another option is to  
mail your offering to the church office:  
3621 Campus Drive | College Park, MD 20740*



## *Announcements for May 2, 2021*

### CALENDAR

- **Today** Outdoor communion service - 10:30  
Fellowship and refreshments following the service
- **May 23** Pentecost
- **June 6** Outdoor communion service – 10:30
- **Summer** Worship services in our sanctuary (See below)

**THANK YOU** to the many people who help so that the outdoor service is possible!

**GOOD NEWS** Our Oikos Team is excited to delve into their work! They need your input as they begin discussions and discernment. Please take a couple of minutes to send them your answers to a few questions (which are in an email from the office).

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** How wonderful to be together today! You are invited to stay for refreshments and visiting following our service.

**RE-ENTRY NEWS** We are looking forward to worshipping together in our sanctuary! Our Re-launching Task Force has determined that we may safely do this beginning in early to mid-summer. The date will be announced in June.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Plan on joining a conversation about the day's sermon and scriptures each week on Zoom, following our online services. Zoom information is sent out each Friday.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYERS** Join members of your church family in a time of sharing prayers on Wednesdays at noon, via a Zoom call. You will receive log in information that morning.

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