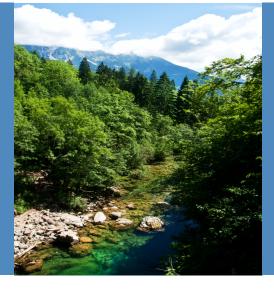
UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 ít holy. Exodus 20:8

Order of Worship – Outdoor Communion Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering MusicI've Got Peace Like a RiverTraditionalBill 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 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

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: <u>https://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving</u> Another option is to mail your offering to the church office: 3621 Campus Drive | College Park, MD 20740

Opening prayer from Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace by John Philip Newell ; photos by Alice LaRusso

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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 worshiping 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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