

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



**Order of Worship - Streaming Service**

**WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Gathering Music

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Bev Babcock - Piano

UMH #143

Welcome Message

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 65:1, 5, 8)

**What mighty praise belongs to You, O God!  
You are the hope of everyone on earth.  
Even those who live at the farthest ends of the earth  
stand in awe of your wonders.  
From where the sun rises to where it sets,  
You inspire shouts of joy.  
What mighty praise belongs to You, O God!**

Hymn of Praise

*When Morning Gilds the Sky*

UMH #185

Verse 1

When morning gilds the skies  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer,  
To Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 2

The night becomes as day  
When from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 3

Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
In Heaven's eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

**Opening Prayer**

**Dear God,  
Give us the eyes to see your glory throughout the world - In sunsets.  
In miracles.  
In kindness.  
In the beauty of each season.  
In the detailed veins of a simple leaf. In the thunderous sound of a waterfall.  
Inspired, in awe, full of wonder,  
we pray the simple prayer:  
Wow!  
May our sense of wonder never dull.  
May your displays of glory always delight our spirits,  
And may we reflect our delight with praise!  
Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.  
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding  
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.



## Scripture

Psalm 8 and Psalm 19:1-6

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### Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



**Sermon**

Pastor Michelle Mejia

**Prayers**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Giving of our Gifts** \*If you haven't already done so, we hope you'll share your gifts.

**Music Ministry**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Millicent Scarlett - Soprano; Dana Scott - Accompanist

**Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn of Service**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

UMH #157

**Verse 1**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

**Verse 2**

To Jesus endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown his head,  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

**Verse 4**

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
all prisoners leap and loose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.



**Passing of the Peace**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Shalom to You*  
Beverly Babcock –Organ

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*\*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*

Opening prayer written by Michelle Mejia. Photos by Alice LaRusso. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

# *Favorite Scripture*

Matthew 6:24-34 this is the NIV

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?  
26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own



*Rebecca "Squirt" Letsome shares, "I am a worrier, I have been my whole life. I struggle with anxiety and panic attacks. And like most worriers I worry about everything and everyone; climate change, hunger/starvation, police brutality, my family health, the homeless, drivers on I-95 and commuters on the metro. All of this and more is on my heart all of the time. I remember one particular time in middle school where I was having routine panic attacks and after one attack I decided to pick up the children's bible I had and just open it. It opened to THIS chapter and passage. It was perfect and spoke to me. **It** helped me remember that I was not alone. That the Divine Trinity was looking out for me and not just me the whole world. That my worry only keeps me from experiencing the present beauty of the Divine Trinity's creation. I come back to this passage often, when I feel powerless or hopeless, it gives me strength and hope and reminds me of God's love."*



## **Announcements – September 6, 2020**

### ***Inspired: Falling in love with the Story of Scripture***

Have you ever wondered how all the stories of the Bible fit together? Have you ever thought about what it has to do with us today? Join us next week as we begin a new sermon series about the Bible for eight weeks, traveling from Genesis to Revelation. We will take a look at the overarching stories of the Bible, see how God's grace is at work throughout scripture in each time and place, and reflect on how all the stories come together as one continuous story of God's people.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join our Sunday School class (via Zoom) for a discussion of scriptures, sharing of insights, and time of fellowship. We meet Sundays at 11:15 after our worship service. Details are in the email blast from this week.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYERS** Join Pastor Michelle and members of your church family in a time of sharing prayers on Wednesdays at noon, via a conference call. The phone number will be emailed to you prior to the meeting time. For questions, please contact the church office: [office@uumcp.org](mailto:office@uumcp.org)

**PRAYERS AND COMMUNION** On September 13, at 5:00 p.m. you may come to a safe, outdoor evening worship at church. Pastor Michelle will lead us through a time of prayers and communion, which will be accompanied by a small string band. We ask that you wear a mask, and if possible, bring your own lawn chair. Due to COVID, we must register each attendee, so look for an email with a simple form for you to complete if you are able to be here for our gathering.



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