

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 13, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



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Genesis 1:31



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 Psalms)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and sky proclaims God's handiwork.
By the word of the Lord it was all made,
by the breath of God's mouth.
God gathered the waters of the seas as in a bottle.
"Every wild animal of the forest is mine," says the Lord.
"I know the birds of the air and all that moves in the field."
Yours is the day, O God, and also the night;
you established the stars and the sun.
You fixed the bounds of the earth;
you made summer and winter.
The world and all that is in it- you have founded them.
The north and the south- you created them.
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for humans.
You water the trees in which the birds build their nests.
It is good.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
We are the work of your hands.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Verse 1:

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas;
His hands the wonders wrought.

Verse 3:

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.



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.**

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

Genesis 1

NRSV

1 In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.



12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind^[c] in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

Sheep May Safely Graze
Will Yeager – trumpet; Elizabeth Yeager - oboe

Bach

Doxology

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!

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Hymn of Service

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 4

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Shalom to You
Beverly Babcock –Organ

UMH #666

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Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:
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Opening prayer written by Emily Berkowitz. Photos by Alice LaRusso. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

Favorite Scripture

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NRSV



Joyce Prather says, "If everyone followed this advice from Paul, it would be a kinder world."



Announcements – September 13, 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? Today 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

PRAYERS AND COMMUNION Today you may come to a safe, outdoor evening worship at church at 5:00 p.m. 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 the email with a simple form for you to complete if you are able to be here for our gathering.

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