



## UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



### **Order of Worship - Streaming Service**

#### WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Gathering Music**

*There's a Song in the Air*  
The Mela Ringers

**Welcome Message**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Call to Worship**

Against all odds,  
In the face of empire and oppression  
Undeterred by threats and danger,  
Christmas comes anyway,  
And hope breaks through.  
Despite our hopelessness and despair,  
Without any regard for our plans and expectations,  
Never mind our fear and failings,  
Our lack of preparation, room, or welcome  
With no need for perfection,  
Precisely, intentionally,  
Straight into the midst of our mess,  
Christmas comes anyway,  
Upending our notions of good and bad, right and wrong,  
first and last, important or insignificant,  
Turning over our lives,  
and hopefully, our hearts too,  
is Emmanuel  
God with us.  
Let us worship the One  
Who comes anyway –  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.
  
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.



**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

Luke 1:26-45

NRSV



<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

Sermon

Rev. Michelle Mejia

Prayer

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**

*Mary's Soliloquy*  
Millicent Scarlett – Soprano

Cecil Effinger

**Doxology**

*What Child Is This vs. 3*

UMH #219

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.



**Hymn of Service**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

UMH #184

**Verse 1**

Of the Father's love begotten,  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are and have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.



### Verse 3

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, with Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
And unwearied praises be;  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

### Passing of the Peace

### Blessing

### Postlude

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Thomerson

*\*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*

Rose pictures by David Notley





Our sanctuary looks so beautiful! Thank you to the following people who provided the poinsettias:

Donna Hoyert

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Tim Snyder - in honor of the Snyder and Goehl Families

Frances and David Notley – in honor of Marie Stinson; in memory of David Notley, Sr.



#### **UUMC GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

Our local church conference established the Adrienne Terry Housing Fund, which supports rebuilding unused parsonages as affordable housing for the “working poor”.

To date, about \$28,00 has been collected for the fund . and one house, the parsonage at Ager Road UMC which had fallen into significant disrepair, is almost complete and ready to be shared with a family. This renovation costs about \$15,000 and will be repaid by the family who will live there.

The task force overseeing the fund has nine parsonages, so far, that are slated to be rebuilt and offered to families.

UUMC is collecting money that will be given as a church-wide donation to the Adrienne Terry Housing Fund. If you would like to participate, you may send a check to the church office labeled “Adrienne Terry Housing Fund” or, you may give online through our church website. On the giving page on our website, click the arrow next to general funds and select this fund.



*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7



## **Announcements – December 13, 2020**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- Dec. 13 Online Worship Service; Zoom Advent Wreath Lighting 4:30
- Dec. 20 Online Choir cantata during worship; Zoom Advent Wreath lighting 4:30
- Dec. 21 Longest Night Service – Online Worship Service
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service – pre-recorded online worship; Zoom worship (time to be announced)
- Dec. 27 Stories and Carols service – ONLY on Zoom at 10:30 A.M.
- Jan. 3 Epiphany Worship Service online

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING** At 4:30 each Sunday in Advent, you may join our church family in lighting your Advent wreath. Pastor Michelle will lead us in a short service via Zoom. Please join us today using the Zoom information from your email.

**CHOIR CANTATA** Our Aldersgate Choir is presenting a cantata that will enrich your Advent journey with its music and message. This musical treat will be part of our regular online worship service next Sunday, December 20.

**GIVING** A snail mail letter from the office arrived at your home recently. It concerns your faithful giving of gifts to support our church, as well as plans for 2021. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to return the “Together for Joy” Pledge Card.

**YOUR CRECHE** We would like to share pictures of your home's nativity scene. Could you, please, send one to the church office this week? [office@uumcp.org](mailto:office@uumcp.org)

**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 Zoom call. You will receive log in information that morning.

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