

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 5, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



There's a place for you in the hive!



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Holy, Holy, Holy
Bev Babcock - Organ

UMH #64

Welcome Message

Call to Worship¹

Our culture tells us: *we must do it on our own.*
But God says: *It is not good for a human being to be alone.*
From the very beginning we were created for relationship,
Relationship with God, with other humans, with all of creation.
From the very beginning God makes clear:
We are wanted; we are loved; we belong.

In this community of God,
In our hive,
There's a place for you.
All are welcome.
Let's give thanks to God for this place to belong
and for the gift and grace of this community.

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 4:

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Opening Prayer¹

Triune God,

We thank you that in your very being you show us what community is - Three in One, One in Three; Father, Son, and Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Today we remember that just as Jesus called people to him by name to form a community of disciples, you, too, call us each by name into community together today in your church. May we never forget that we have a place here, with one another, and with you. In our belonging to this community, may we never forget that this community also belongs to us. May our sense of belonging be a grace and a gift that eases our isolation and loneliness as we do your kingdom work of loving this world and all who are in it. 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

Matthew 4: 18-22; 9:9-14

NRSV

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner^[a] in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting^[b] with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

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

Julie Ponting - Oboe

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

One Bread, One Body

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One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free - Woman or man - No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Many the gifts, many the works - One in the Lord - Of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord
We are one body in this one Lord



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*

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Favorite Scripture

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” *Jeremiah 29:11*



Kenny Theodos says, “This verse is a reminder of where our hope comes from, and that God loves us and our best days are ahead of us.”



Announcements – July 5, 2020

BOOK RECOMMENDATION In mid-July, our church family will be invited into conversation about Austin Channing Brown's book *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. If you would like to read this profound book, you may order it online through Amazon, or other book dealer. Amazon's link is: <https://www.amazon.com/Im-Still-Here-Dignity-Whiteness/dp/1524760854>

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.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL has been a presence in our lives for decades. This preschool uses several of our rooms on a daily basis during the school year. Unfortunately, because of their closure, due to COVID-19, they are having financial difficulties; the seven employees, who have their pay stretched over twelve months, will not receive a paycheck in June, July, or August. Our Church Council voted to help them by giving the school a one time payment of \$10,000 to be disbursed among their teachers to help cover their June paycheck. The nursery school, in conjunction with our church, has applied for the government sponsored PPP - Paycheck Protection Program loan. Please pray that this comes through so that the nursery school staff will be able to receive their paychecks for July and August also; if this is not received the teachers will be furloughed. If you wish to give money to help

cover the \$10,000, you may do so via a check or online. Please note on the check that the money is to go to the nursery school, or if your donation comes directly from the bank or online, please let the church office know that you would like to designate all or part of it for the school.

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

THE UPPER ROOM magazine provides a scripture and short devotional reading for each day. If you would like to receive a July-August copy, please contact the church office. office@uumcp.org

HOMEMADE MASKS NEEDED If you are willing and able to make masks for essential workers, *Route One Mask Match* needs your skills! They will provide materials and will pick up the masks (in a safe manner) from your home. Please contact the church office for more information.



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