

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 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

Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Bev Babcock - Piano

UMH #557

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

In a hive,
The bees go about their work,
Gathering nectar and pollen,
To produce a honey so sweet,
That it will never spoil.

In this community of God,
Our combined acts of love,
No matter how small,
produce a gift like honey,
That will never spoil.
Our labor for the kingdom,
Each act of love, peace, justice, and mercy
Gives beyond itself
To something that is eternal, unending,
To a legacy that will live beyond our own lives.
Let us give thanks to God for the gift,
the honey, of our labors of love!

Verse 1:

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

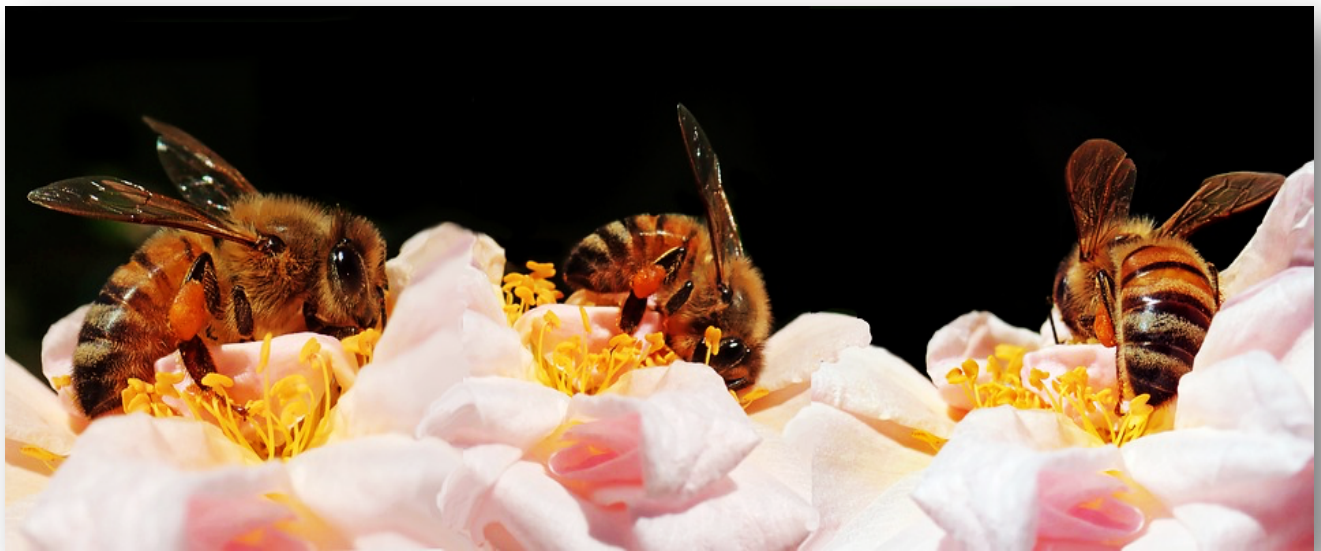
Verse 3:

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.



Opening Prayer¹

Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three,
We thank you for the many gifts you have given us and for the love which you have shown us. Today we remember that just as Jesus sent out the community of disciples to do the kingdom work of healing, having compassion, proclaiming the good news, raising people to new life, and setting them free from oppression, so, you too, send us out to do this same kingdom work. May our labors of love produce honey so sweet. May our labors of love bear fruit that will last. May our labors of love endure beyond our earthly lives. May it be so. 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.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹⁰ Then Jesus^[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;^[b] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers,^[d] cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Donna Southwood-Smith

UMH #184

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!

UMH #94

Hymn of Service

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

UMH #405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia



Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Shalom to You
Beverly Babcock –Organ

UMH #666

**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:

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Prayers written by Michelle Mejia. Bee pictures by pixabay.com picture; Biblical picture by freebibleimages.com. Flower picture by Frances Notley. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

Sign of Hope



Allendra Letsome shares, "We planted the Rosella's Dream lilies when we started working on the house addition for Mom. They bloomed quite nicely this year. We thought it was amazing that there was a lily that had (something similar to) Mom's name."



Announcements – July 12, 2020

BOOK RECOMMENDATION In August, 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.

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' HELP As you may have heard, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, has stated that international students who attend U.S. universities that will be online this coming year must leave our country. Unfortunately, this is devastating to many students. Rachel La Russo shares, "One of my colleagues, for example, is not allowed to return to her country because it has closed its borders to anyone coming from the US. She will be forced to temporarily move to a totally different country, which legally may not even be a possibility, not to mention that she does not have the financial means to do so."

The cancellation of international student visas is also detrimental to American students, whose financial aid packages are often subsidized by the thousands of dollars in tuition and fees that the international students pay every semester.

If you wish, you may sign your name on a petition that will be sent to the White House requesting permission for international students to remain in the country this fall. Feel free to forward this petition to anyone you know who might want to sign it as well:

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/allow-f-1-students-stay-us-through-fall-semester-if-instruction-online-due-pandemic?fbclid=IwAR1yAyUEInDBU9LDoiqCo45NPmBzcvas-ItGBfD0hGXchusjtjtWUpW4huM>

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.

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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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