

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 9, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



*He has made
everything
beautiful in its own
time.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Order of Worship – Online Service
WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land

Thornburg

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

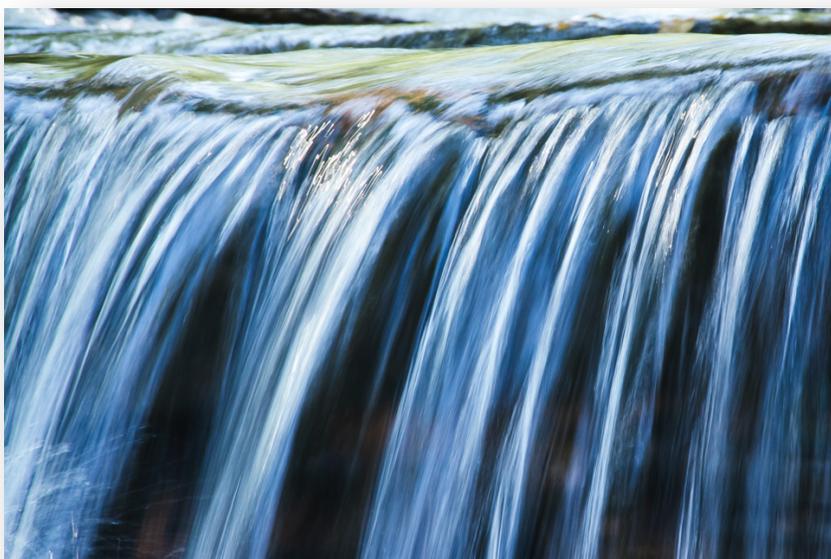
A Prayer for Recycling

**We thank you for the resources of the world,
and for the many goods available to us.
Grant us wisdom and restraint in our spending and consumption;
grant us inspiration in the re-use and recycling of resources.
Bless those who collect our waste and those who work to recycle it.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

Verse 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Verse 5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Lord's Prayer

(Special version from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**Eternal Spirit
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name echoes through
the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.**



Prayer for Illumination

You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways. With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening . . . for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

This is what I'm saying, brothers and sisters: Flesh and blood can't inherit God's kingdom. Something that rots can't inherit something that doesn't decay. ⁵¹ Listen, I'm telling you a secret: All of us won't die, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the final trumpet. The trumpet will blast, and the dead will be raised with bodies that won't decay, and we will be changed. ⁵³ It's necessary for this rotting body to be clothed with what can't decay, and for the body that is dying to be clothed in what can't die. ⁵⁴ And when the rotting body has been clothed in what can't decay, and the dying body has been clothed in what can't die, then this statement in scripture will happen:

Death has been swallowed up by a victory.
⁵⁵ *Where is your victory, Death?*
Where is your sting, Death?

(⁵⁶ Death's sting is sin, and the power of sin is the Law.) ⁵⁷ Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸ As a result of all this, my loved brothers and sisters, you must stand firm, unshakable, excelling in the work of the Lord as always, because you know that your labor isn't going to be for nothing in the Lord.

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



Prayer

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1
Maggie Johns - piano; Chad Slater- violin

Mendelssohn

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UMH #95



Hymn

Hope of the World

UMH #178

Verse 1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Verse 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Opportunities for Connection and Service

Benediction

Postlude

Creation Sings

Traditional

**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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Call to Prayer Source: Diocese of Newcastle; Flowers provided by Frances and David Notley. Flowers arranged by Marie Venero; Bulletin photos and nature videos by Alice La Russo; worship service photos by Dan LaRusso

SIGN OF HOPE



**SUMMER
2021**

**UUMC
once again
enjoys
in-person
worship
in the
sanctuary!**





Announcements for May 9, 2021

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

May 9	Completion of “Sacred Ground” sermon series
May 16	Numbi Lutebula, graduating UMD student, preaches Ascension Sunday
May 23	Pentecost Church Meeting on Zoom; 4:00 p.m. (see below)
June 6	Outdoor Communion Service 10:30 a.m.
Summer	Services in the sanctuary – Date to be announced in June

CHURCH MEETING On May 23 at 4:00, you are invited to attend a brief discussion on Zoom about the upcoming proposed change to the structure of the UUMC Church Council. We are proposing that we move to the Simplified Accountable One-Board model of governance. The meeting will touch on a few reasons to make this change and present a short overview of how the new structure would look and function. There will also be an opportunity for questions/discussions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Each week after our online services, several people gather on Zoom to discuss the day’s sermon and scriptures. You are welcome to drop in! The Zoom link is sent out in the prior Friday’s email announcements.

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.

Did You Know...

Maggie Johns, one of our students - a junior at UMD and the pianist for today's offertory, invites you to her last performance of this school year:

My quintet and I are putting together another program of music to perform at Universalist National Memorial Church in DC! It is in person, scheduled for May 19th at 7p.m., and it will feature the quintet as well as works for solo violin, viola, and other chamber music. We're really happy to be topping off the semester with one last performance of the Schumann quintet!



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