



UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Alice LaRusso - Dobro

#UMH 526

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

Come and worship!
Come with your hopes and your dreams,
your longings and your fears.
Come with all that you are celebrating
and all that is weighing on your heart.
Bring your story, bring your questions, bring your prayers....
Bring it all, expecting to meet with God and hear good news.
Bring it all, expecting that God is still writing the story
in ways that surprise us.
Bring open hearts and seeking senses
that you might perceive God doing a new thing in our midst,
present among us
with signs of hope and healing. Amen.

Verse 2

Have thine own way, Lord,
Have thine own way;
Thou art the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
After thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still.

Verse 4

Have thine own way, Lord,
Have thine own way;
Hold o'er my being
Absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
Till all shall see
Christ only, always,
Living in me.



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.



St. John the Baptist in Prison Receives Christ's Answer (Samuel van Hoogstraten, 1627-1678)

Scripture

Luke 7:18-23

NRSV

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹ and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²⁰ When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²¹ Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Floyd Jones

Doxology UMH #94

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	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	UMH #710
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Verse 1
When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 2

The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow'rs of darkness fear
When this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!



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:
3621 Campus Drive | College Park, MD 20740*

Opening prayer written by Emily Berkowitz. *Biblical photos* by freebibleimages.com. Tree in the church yard picture by Alice LaRusso. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

Signs of Hope



Last week during Sunday School, our children created lovely pictures and messages that greeted worshipers as they arrived for the outdoor communion service.



The children also made bubbles with their wands to enhance our prayer and communion gathering.



Announcements – October 25, 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? Our sermon series about the Bible, which will last for eight weeks, will have us traveling from Genesis through Revelation. We are taking a look at the overarching stories of the Bible, seeing how God's grace is at work throughout scripture in each time and place, and reflecting on how all the stories come together as one continuous story of God's people.

HYMNS and GATHERING You won't want to miss our next musical evening! Put Thursday Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. on your calendar now, so you can plan on Zooming with Millicent Scarlett for a music-filled evening of fellowship and fun. To request hymns and other songs, please send their titles to the church office.

PRAYERS AND COMMUNION WORSHIP Plan on being here – in person – for communion and prayers on November 8 at 5:00. We look forward to seeing you!

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

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