

#### **UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

November 1, 2020 | 10:30 a.m. Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



### Order of Worship - Streaming Service

**WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE** 

Gathering Music I Sing a Song of the Saints of God #UMH 712

#### **Welcome Message**

#### Call to Worship

Come saints of God!

Let us stand together before the throne and worship!

We come in long line of believers,
a cloud of witnesses that enfolds us and equips us.

We are part of a great story that spans the ages,
and while the story has hardships
and grief and fear,
it doesn't end until every tear is wiped away,
and every broken heart is mended,
and heaven and earth are one,
and death is undone.

This is our story,
so saints of God, rejoice!

Praise and glory be to our God!

- For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest— Alleluia, Alleluia!
- Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
   Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
   Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light—
   Alleluia, Alleluia!



#### 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 Revelation 7:9-17 NRSV

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Sermon Pastor Michelle Mejia

**Remembrance of Our Saints** 

Lamb of God Millicent Scarlett TFWS #2113

#### 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 Etude No. 1 Whiting

Beth Ann Zinkievich - Organ

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** My Faith Looks Up to Thee UMH #452

Verse 1

My faith looks up to thee Thou Lamb of Calvary Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray Take all my guilt away O let me from this day Be wholly thine!

#### Verse 3

When life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread Be thou my guide Bid darkness turn to day Wipe sorrow's tears away Nor let me ever stray From thee aside



**Passing of the Peace** 

**Blessing** 

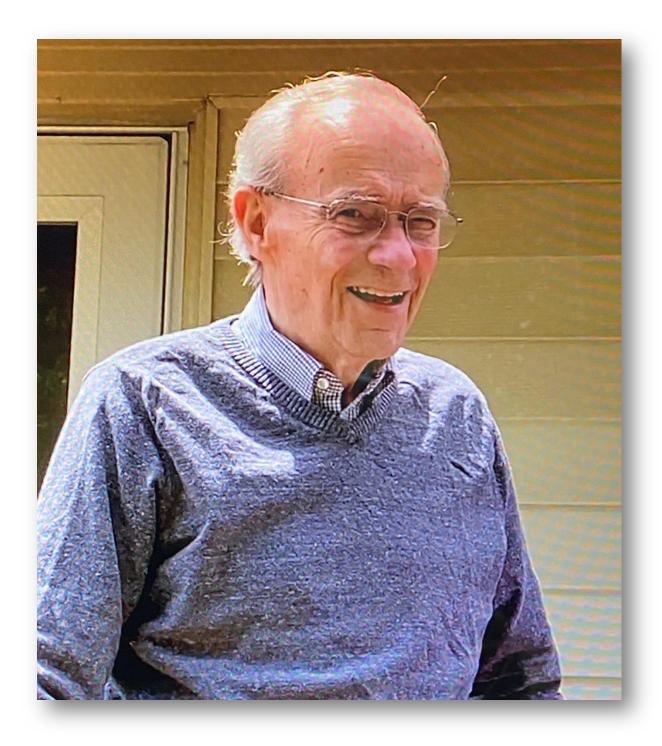
Postlude Shalom to You UMH #666
Beverly Babcock –Organ

\*To share your offering, you may use this link: <a href="https://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving">https://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving</a>
Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:

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Opening prayer written by Emily Berkowitz. Revelation art by https://temptationofjohn.com/verses-of-revelation/#Revelation\_7\_9 Flower and altar photos by Alice LaRusso . Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

# Remembering Our Loved Ones



Bob Slack, a beloved member of University United Methodist Church.



Neville Scarlett

Millicent Scarlett shares this picture of her brother, Neville.



# David Notley

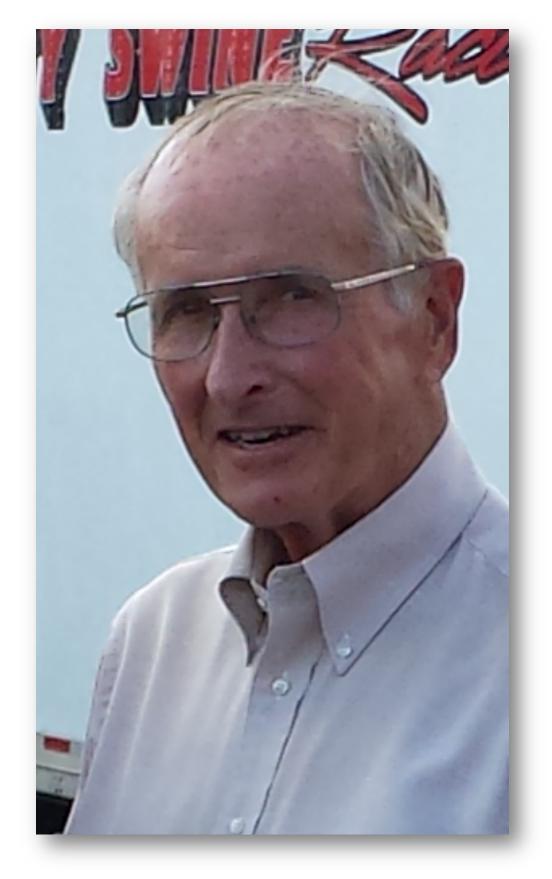
David Notley, of our church family, shares this about his father, "[This is] Father's Day dinner in 2018 which included my dad, David Notley, in the yellow shirt. Daniel Notley, his grandson, is next to him. I am behind him and Frances is sitting beside him at the restaurant."



Jack Powell

Janis Sloane shares this photo of her great-nephew, Jack Powell. He lived only 8 days, but was a blessing to his loving parents, Sadie and Austin, and his family.

October 24, 2019- November 1, 2019



Charles E. Thomas

Joyce Prather shares a photo of her brother, Charles E. Thomas.



## Announcements – November 1, 2020

**From Pastor Michelle:** Is there room for gratitude today? That's a question I ask myself every morning as we are facing unstable and uncertain times. It's a question I'm inviting us to explore during the month of November. Many people are running on empty right now. But perhaps together we can join in a practice of gratitude. Join us this November for a new worship series called GrateFull:

Nov. 8 Feeling Gratitude

Nov. 15 Living Gratitude

Nov. 22 Sharing Gratitude

**ONLINE GIVING CHANGE** One way of giving your offering to our church is through an online giving link on our website. If you use the link occasionally, you will notice that we have changed to a different online payment company. Those givers who use Vanco to automatically send their offering on a recurring basis, are asked to change their giving service to Breeze. Details will be emailed to you.

**PRAYERS AND COMMUNION WORSHIP, PLUS** Plan on being here – in person – for communion and prayers on November 8 at 5:00. Also, after worship, your family will be invited to take home an Advent Wreath Kit, because Advent begins at the end of November. 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.

**THE UPPER ROOM** If you would enjoy using this daily devotional magazine, please contact the church office so we can send you a copy of the November – December issue.

**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: <u>office@uumcp.org</u>



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