

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



(Marc Chagall: *Abraham and the Three Angels*)

Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ
Bev Babcock - Piano

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Welcome Message

Call to Worship

God is with us-
when we feel God's presence
and rejoice, hopeful, grateful, expectant.
God is with us-
when we are unaware-
and doubt, skeptical, cynical, discouraged.
God is with us-
when we mess up and mess up again,
and are reminded that we are flawed and fallible.
God is with us-
when we step out on faith,
and follow the call to unfamiliar places.
God is with us on the journey-
showing us the way
blessing us,
transforming us
to bless others.
Let us worship the God for whom nothing is too wonderful!

Verse 1:

O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Verse 2:

O Light, that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.



The Angelus by Millet - Oil on Canvas

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

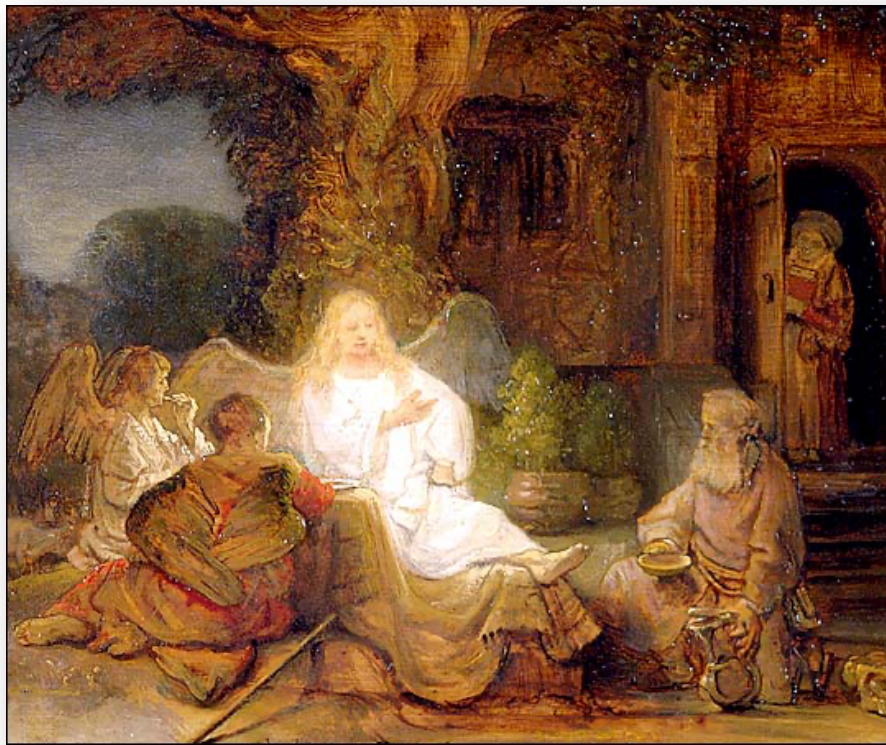
**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 18:1-14

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2 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”^l



(Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn *Abraham and the Three Angels*)

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

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

Prelude in F
Beth Ann Zinkievich - Organ

Bach

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!

Verse 1

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.



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

Opening prayer written by Emily Berkowitz. Flower photos by Alice LaRusso. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

Sign of Hope



Millicent Scarlett shared these pictures of our first outdoor communion service, which was held last Sunday, September 13. People enjoyed worshipping together and seeing each other...from a safe distance!



Praying Statue in Kamaura, Japan by Starevic

Announcements – September 20, 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? Today we begin a new sermon series about the Bible for eight weeks, traveling from Genesis to Revelation. We will take a look at the overarching stories of the Bible, see how God's grace is at work throughout scripture in each time and place, and reflect on how all the stories come together as one continuous story of God's people.

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

PRAYERS AND COMMUNION Add October 11, 5:00 p.m. to your calendar! You won't want to miss our next outdoor, safely- held communion service.

LOAVES AND FISHES Today we offer a community meal at 1:00. It is a hot lunch with a to-go “goody bag” and drinks. Participants eat on the church lawn.

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