

Order of Worship - October 10, 2021

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! As a part of our commitment to care for the vulnerable among us, we are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask as we readjust to in-person worship. During hymns, please sing with your mask on. **Prelude**

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Call to Worship True Colors by Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly I see your true colors shining through. I see your true colors and that's why I love you. So, don't be afraid to let it show. Your true colors, your true colors are beautiful like a rainbow.

*Call to Worship Worship Leader: Kent Roberson

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: Day to day and night to night, unending is their silent speech of beauty and wonder.

One: How shall we join their joyful witness?

All: With words that proclaim God's inclusive love, with works that bring forth God's powerful justice, with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence, now and always. Amen! Let us worship God!

*Hymn All Are Welcome by Marty Haugen (See attachment)

(Author Unknown) **Opening Prayer** Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity;

We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation; We confess that in our brokenness as human beings

we turn diversity into a source of alienation, injustice, oppression, and wounding. Empower us to recognize and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family. Enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love; Through the Lord, the ground of all unity, we pray. Amen.

Time with Children

Story of Inclusion

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 2:13-17

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn Come as You Are by Deidre Brown (See attachment)

Rev. T.C. Morrows Sermon

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lords Prayer UMH #895



Offering

Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box, mailed to the church office, made online at www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving, or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236

Special Music

I Believe Aldersgate Choir by Mark. A. Miller

*Doxology

UMH #94

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH #560

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today's flowers are given by Shin-Hee Kim, in loving memory of her father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reconciling Celebration Lunch October 16 is the tenth anniversary of UUMC voting to become a reconciling congregation, meaning that we openly welcome all people to be part of our church family, including persons in the LGBTQ+ community. We are glad that you are here to celebrate this with us! Please plan to stay today for our light lunch and fellowship time outside following our service.

Attention UMD Students! What if church could be a dinner party? Join The Terp Hub every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6 p.m. at UUMC for Dinner Church. Dinner Church is a service that embodies the first century communion practice of sharing a full meal as worship. Gluten-free and vegetarian options available.

October Book Study All are made in the image and likeness of God. If this is what we believe, then trans people, like all people, reflect something of God, and not just in the ways that they share in common with others, but also in the ways that they are different. They remind us that God is beyond all of our categories, even gender. In Beyond a Binary God: A Theology for Trans* Allies, author Tara Soughers explores theology from the position of a trans ally—a parent of a trans young adult as well as priest. You are invited into join conversations about this book in our study, which takes place on Zoom on Monday nights in October. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office so that we are able to order a book for you.

Parking Volunteers are needed: Oct. 30. To help, see email blast or contact Kenny Theodos: 203-437-5610 or Kennethatheodos@gmail.com.

Church Office The church office will be open this week Monday - Wednesday, Oct. 11 -13. In addition, it will be open the following week, Tuesday - Friday, Oct. 19 - 22.

Nursery School Openings The nursery school that uses our building during the week needs children! They had several families move or change plans as the school year began. If you know of a family looking for a nursery school for their preschooler, age two - four, please contact Stephanie Brewer, the director, for more information: stephanie.ucns@gmail.com

Join us for other church activities, both in-person and virtually!

Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Call, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Send Prayer Requests: office@uumcp.org

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Rev. Michelle Mejia, Pastor Alice La Russo, Office Manager Millicent Scarlett, Music Director

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