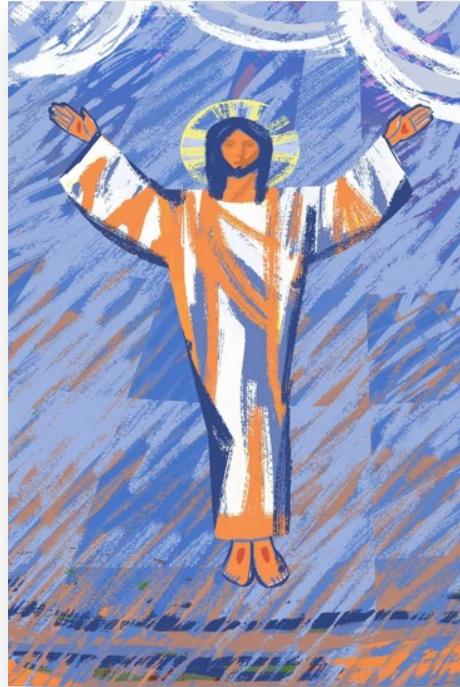


**UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 16, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



**Order of Worship – Online Service**

**WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Gathering Music**

*Halle. Halle, Halleluja*

Trad. Caribbean

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.  
Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.  
Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.  
We live in that love and seek to serve God.  
Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.  
May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
verses one and six

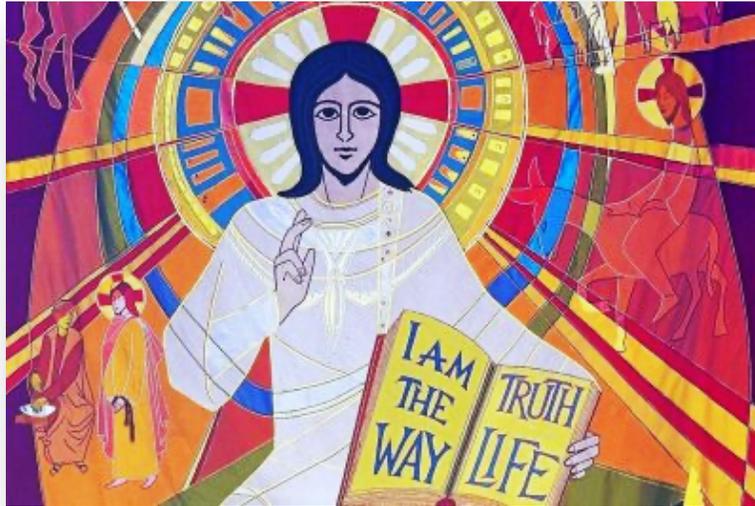
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**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Prayer** We thank you, almighty God, for the life of Jesus among us, and that he reigns in power for us. Strengthen our hope and bless the work of our hands, that we may live as his body in this world. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination** Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Amen.



### Scripture Readings

Acts 1: 1-11

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach<sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

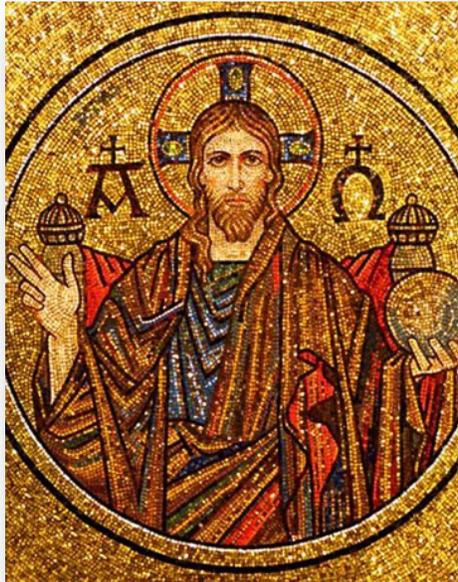
## Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

Sermon

Numi Lutembula



### Celebrating UUMC Graduates

Let us unite our hearts in prayer  
and entrust to the hands of the Lord  
those who will be graduated tomorrow. (soon/this week, etc.)

May God who began this good work in you  
carry it through to completion,  
enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices  
and to be faithful to your commitments,  
always confident in the support of those who love you.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,  
half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice,  
oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who  
suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,  
so that you will reach out your hand  
to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think  
that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you will do the things  
which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world

### Invitation to Giving

**Offertory** *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche  
Millicent Scarlett - Vocalist

**Doxology** UMH #95  
**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.**

**Hymn** *Christ Is Alive* UMH #318



### Opportunities for Connection and Service

#### Benediction

**Postlude** *Bring Many Names* TFWS #2047

*\*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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# SIGN OF HOPE



*May he give you the desire of your heart and  
make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4*

Our congratulations to Numbi Lutembula and Rachel Kester, valuable members of our church family, who are graduating from the University of Maryland.



## Announcements for May 16, 2021

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

May 23	Pentecost Church Meeting on Zoom 4:00 p.m.
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. The Church Council proposes 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 and 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...

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Washington, DC region's Bike to Work Day is coming up on Friday, May 21. College Park will participate by hosting a "pit stop" at Duvall Field on Rhode Island Avenue. Participants who stop by may enjoy a to-go snack. If you pre-register, you may also receive a free t-shirt. [Biketoworkmetrodc.org/register](http://Biketoworkmetrodc.org/register)



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