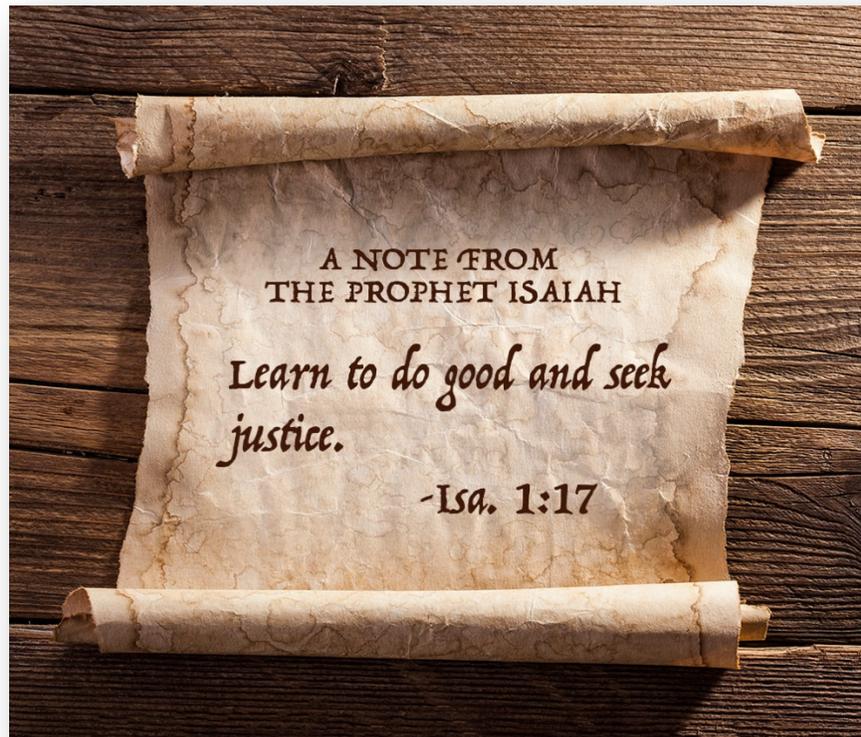




UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Julie Ponting - Oboe

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

Gracious God,

We come to worship you-

help us to offer ourselves with clean hands
and pure hearts.

What do you require?

You have told us what is good-

to do justice,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you.

Give us strength to speak truth
and to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in all the forms it presents itself.

Give your people ears to hear
and passion to act

and voices that speak prophetically, even when it is hard.

Work and rework us into your vessels, O God,
that we might worship you in everything we do

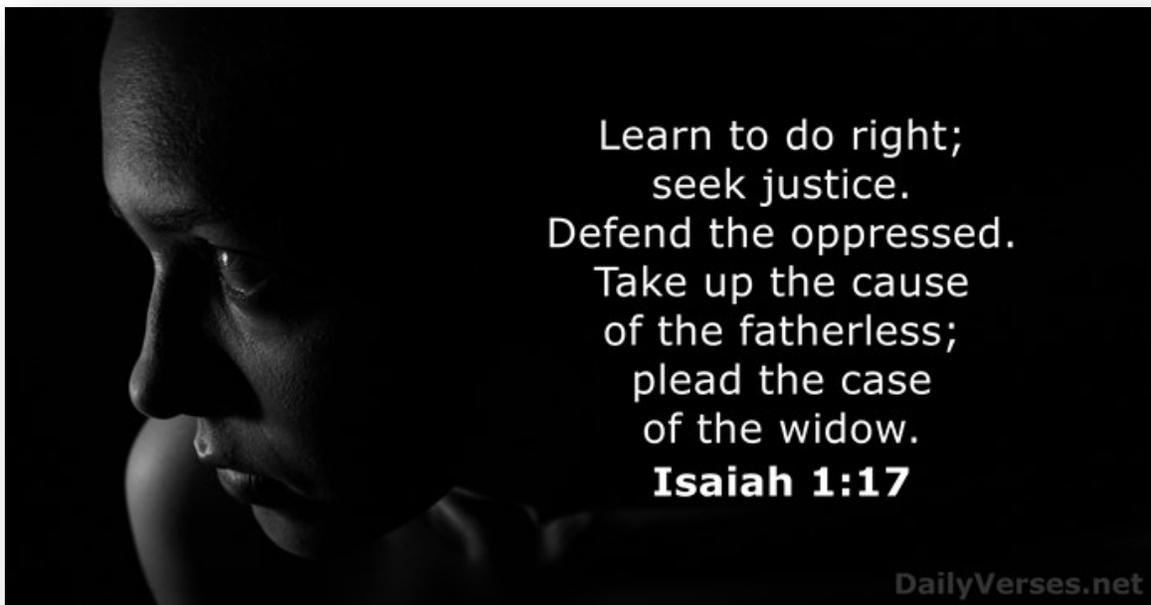
and it would be pleasing and joyful to your heart. Amen

Verse 1

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift which you impart.

Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.



The Lord's Prayer

(In Spanish, to honor Hispanic Heritage Month)

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

Isaiah 1:10-17

NRSV

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.
¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
¹³bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.



New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow

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

Doxology

(In Spanish, to honor Hispanic Heritage Month)

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

Faith of Our Fathers

UMH #710

Verse 1

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Verse 3

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!



Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Shalom to You
Beverly Babcock –Organ

UMH #666

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Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:
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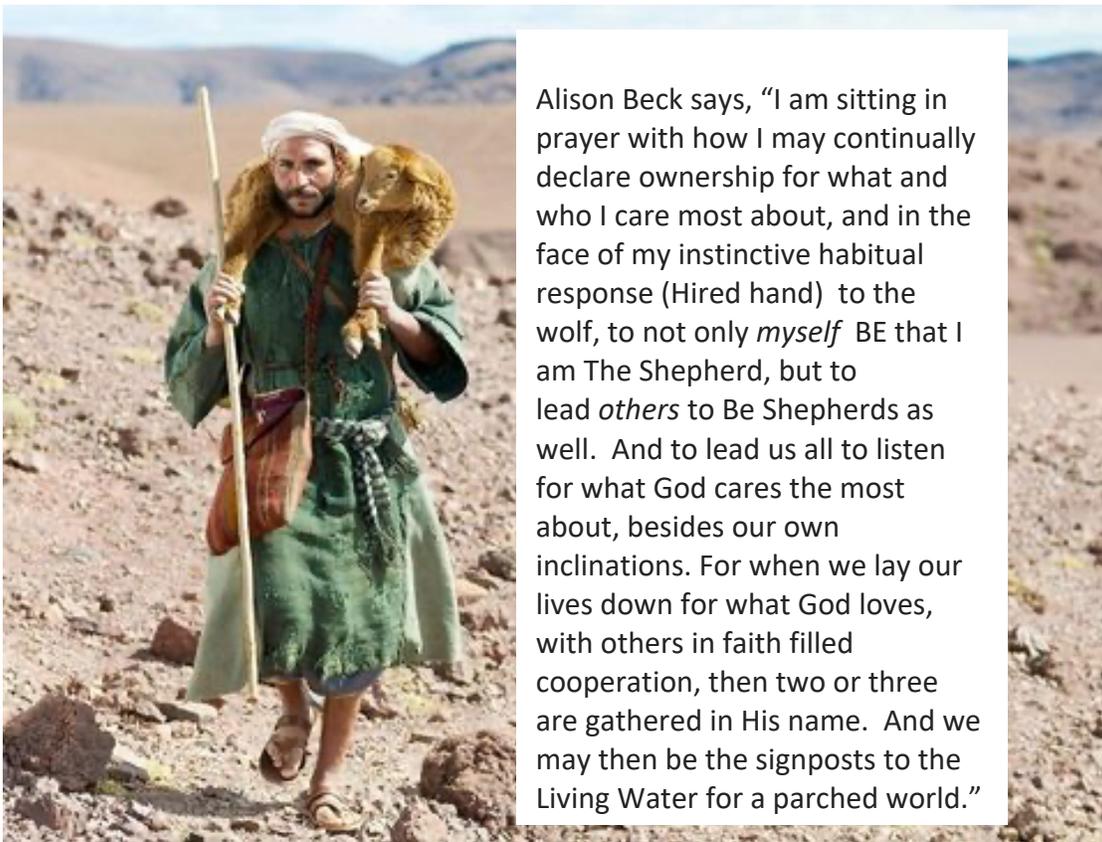
Favorite Scripture

John 10:10-18

¹⁰ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



Alison Beck says, “I am sitting in prayer with how I may continually declare ownership for what and who I care most about, and in the face of my instinctive habitual response (Hired hand) to the wolf, to not only *myself* BE that I am The Shepherd, but to lead *others* to Be Shepherds as well. And to lead us all to listen for what God cares the most about, besides our own inclinations. For when we lay our lives down for what God loves, with others in faith filled cooperation, then two or three are gathered in His name. And we may then be the signposts to the Living Water for a parched world.”

Sign of Hope



The CDC outlines the following benefits of flu vaccines:

- Can keep you from getting sick with the flu
- Reduces the risk of flu-associated hospitalizations for children, adults, and the elderly
- Vaccines are a preventative tool for people with chronic health conditions
- Protects women during and after pregnancy. A flu vaccine given during pregnancy helps protect the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Reduces severity of flu illness in those few people that still get the flu
- Protects your family and loved ones

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine. There are age appropriate vaccines for people 6 months, 18 and older, and those over 65 years old.

It's hard to be excited about getting a flu shot, but a new study says a positive mood can boost the flu shot's effectiveness.



Announcements – October 11, 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 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY As in the past, we would like to remember our loved ones who have passed on during the past year, in our All Saints Day observation. If you have someone you would like us to remember, could you please send a high-resolution picture to the church office of your loved one? You may also send a photo through the mail.

OFFERING ENVELOPES Please let the church office know if you would like to receive envelopes for your offering in 2021. We will order them for those who wish to use them in 2021.

PRAYERS AND COMMUNION WORSHIP Today, October 11 at 5:00 we are pleased to offer an outdoor, safely- held, communion service. We need to register those who come, so please complete the form that you receives via email this week. Also, plan on bringing your own lawn or folding chair, if possible. Although we will have the pre-packaged communion for your use, you are welcome to bring your own communion elements, if you prefer. Check the website by 4:00, in case of inclement weather, to see if we need to postpone our service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. Children, preschool through age eight, will meet this afternoon, October 11, at 4:00 for a story and lesson, fun activities, and fellowship with others. Parents are asked to stay with their children and for all to wear masks.

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.

CHURCH CONFERENCE Once a year, our church family is invited to a meeting with the District Superintendent and other local churches. All of you are invited to attend this year's virtual meeting on Thursday evening, October 15. If you need further information, please contact the church office.

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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