



UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 10, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship – Online Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Noel Nouvelet
The Mela Ringers

15th Cent. Fr. Carol

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;
then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.
At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.
The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;
then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Verse 1

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

Verse 3

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!



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 for Illumination

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God - tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

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⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Michelle Mejia

Special Music

Water, River, Spirit, Grace
Millicent Scarlett

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Prayers

CALL TO CONFESSION A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.



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

Who Would Imagine a King
Dana Scott -Piano; Millicent Scarlett – Soprano

by Mervyn Warren

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!

- 1 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father,
we are his children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Blessing

Postlude

**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



The Rev. Sam Marullo walks out of the Ager Road UMC parsonage as it undergoes renovations. The project is made possible thanks to the Adrienne Terry Fund in the Greater Washington District. Photo by Melissa Lauber

Thank you to those of you who generously donated to the Adrienne Terry Housing Fund. Through your giving, our church family is able to donate \$250 to this worthy cause. 100% of all donations to this fund are directed toward the strategic acquisition and maintenance of affordable housing, primarily for very low-income families.



Announcements – January 10, 2021

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Our worship service on the first Sunday of each month will celebrate communion, via Zoom, at 10:30 a.m. We hope you are able to join us on February 7th for our next communion service.

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 each week.

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.

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