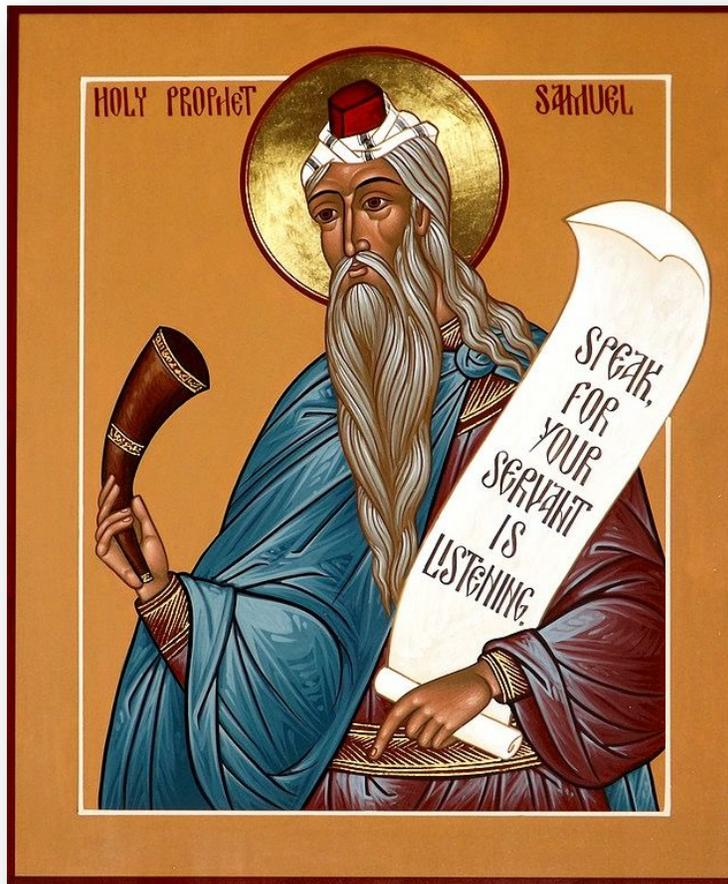




UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



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

Gracious God,
you are our creator, our deliverer, king of the universe.
You formed us by your hand, in your image.
You give us life.
You brought your people out of Egypt.
You give us hope.
You led your children through the wilderness
and fed them with the bread of heaven.
You give us all we need.
You judge with justice and act in mercy.
Our faith is in your reign alone,
so we praise and worship you,
O God, king of the heavens and earth. Amen.

Verse 1:

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Verse 4:

Save us from weak resignation,
To the evils we deplore.
Let the search for Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

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.



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The Morgan Picture Bible (c. 1250) Left: The aging Samuel is approached by four elders representing the people of Israel who ask him to anoint a King so that Israel will be powerful like other nations. Samuel warns them of the dangers a king would pose to the liberties of the Israelite people. [1 Samuel 8: 4-22]

Scripture

1 Samuel 8:4-22

NRSV⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵ and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷ and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹² and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵ He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”



¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹ When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²² The Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and set a king over them.” Samuel then said to the people of Israel, “Each of you return home.”

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

O the Deep Love of Jesus
Jordanne Scott, violin

Doxology

(In Spanish to honor Hispanice Heritage Month)

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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

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

Verse 4

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"



Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Shalom to You
Beverly Babcock –Organ

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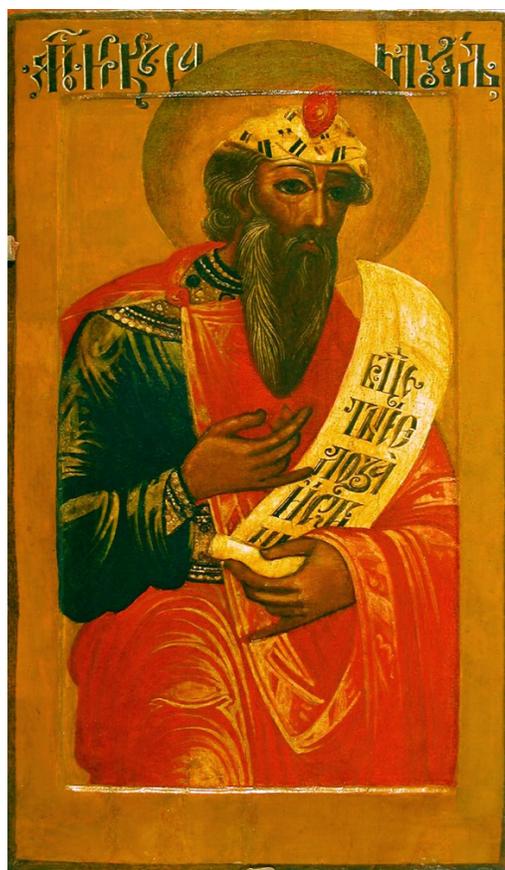
**To share your offering, you may use this link: <https://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving>
Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:
3621 Campus Drive | College Park, MD 20740*

Opening prayer written by Emily Berkowitz. *Prophet Samuel* by Matthew Garrett. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.

Sign of Hope



Please plan on voting! Every vote counts; encourage family members, friends, and neighbors to count in person or via mail-in ballot. Go to this website for information about voting in the state of Maryland this year: elections.maryland.gov



Icon of the prophet Samuel from the 17th century. Tempera on wood. In the collection of the Donetsk regional art museum.

Announcements – October 4, 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY As in the past, we would like to remember our loved ones who have passed on during the past year, during 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 Add October 11, 5:00 p.m. to your calendar! You won't want to miss our next outdoor, safely- held, communion service. We need to register those who come, so please complete the form that you will receive 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Next Sunday, we will again offer our outside, every-other-week, Sunday School class for children, ages preschool through eight. Participants, along with their parents, will gather to learn, play, and have a time of fellowship at 4:00 on our church lawn. For more information, please contact the church office.

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. Directions for registering were sent to you this past week in an email. 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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