

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 30, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Bev Babcock - Piano

UMH #349

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

For the sun that rises each day
Thanks be!
For all created beings,
Thanks be!
For the love you have shown us,
Thanks be!
For the love you have placed in us,
Thanks be!
For the love we share with the world,
Thanks be!

May we learn and practice this simple prayer
Over and over again,
So that it rings true in our hearts forever.
For all that was – **thanks be!**
For all that is – **thanks be!**
For all that is to come - **thanks be to God! Amen.**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord



Opening Prayer

Dear God,
Teach us the meaning of gratitude,
as we pray these simple words:
Thanks. Thanks so much. *Thank you, thank you, thank you.*
May this prayer forever echo in our heart -
In silence, in whispers, in shouts, and in song,
In all things. Thanks.
Amen.

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.



Scripture

Psalm 100 and Psalm 103

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Psalm 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.



Psalm 103

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live^[a]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
²² Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

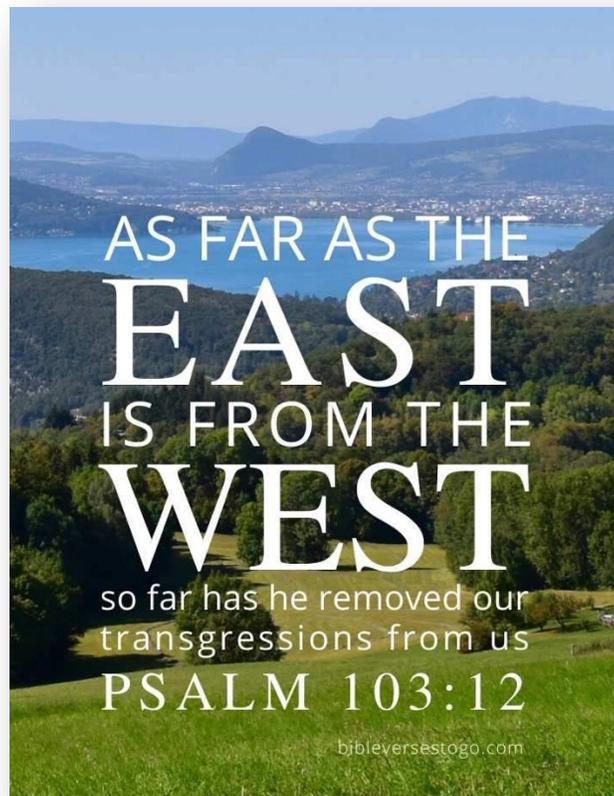
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Prayers





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:

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Sign of Hope



Ellen shared the Easter paper butterfly with her neighbor, who planted it.



Announcements – August 30, 2020

SIMPLE PRAYERS SERMON SERIES Have you ever wondered how to pray? Have you ever felt that your prayers were not *something* enough? (good, eloquent, frequent, etc.?) Our prayer lives ebb and flow with our lives, but prayer can be as simple as one honest word. Join us for worship as we explore four simple prayers over the next four weeks and practice paying attention and telling God the truth through these short prayers: Help! Thanks. Wow! Oops.

BREEZE If you did not have a chance to sign into our new online address book, please do so! In addition to up-to-date contact information, you may add your favorite scriptures, hymns, and interests. The office has added your name, but it is important that you check and make any needed corrections. If you have not yet logged on, you will receive another invitation to do so on Monday. Thank you for your help!

PRAYERS and COMMUNION Our congregational survey responses show that our church family is looking forward to in-person communion, so we will have a short time of prayers and communion once a month, weather permitting, on our church lawn. Our first gathering will be on Sunday evening, September 13, at 5:00 p.m. We will ensure that safety measures are in place. Please plan on joining us!

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.

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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