

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Fourth Sunday after Easter | May 10, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Beverly Babcock - Organ

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Welcome Message

Call to Worship

Leader: When we don't know what to do,

All: You are here.

Leader: When we feel defeated,

All: You are here.

Leader: When we are tired of work,

All: You are here.

Leader: When we are hungry,

All: You are here.

Leader: As we gather in worship today,

All: Remind us that you are always with us.

Restore us and nourish us with your presence and caring,

Verse 1

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee,
by thy teachings sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

Verse 3

Glorious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart;
help us by thy spirit's pleading;
hear the cry thy people raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.



Opening Prayer

Risen Christ,
You came to the disciples in the form of a stranger
interrupting them in the midst of their toil,
and their eyes were opened to see You,
in the abundance that followed.
Open our eyes to see you today,
In familiar and unfamiliar ways,
In moments of interruption or in moments of care,
Despite the strangeness of these times.
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**

John 21:1-14

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After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the

Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

Millicent Scarlett - soprano

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Verse 1

O Jesus, I have promised
 to serve thee to the end:
 be thou ever near me,
 my Master and my friend;
 I shall not fear the battle
 if thou art by my side,
 nor wander from the pathway
 if thou wilt be my guide.

Verse 4

O Jesus, thou hast promised
 to all who follow thee,
 that where thou art in glory
 there shall thy servant be;
 and, Jesus I have promised
 to serve thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow,
 my Master and my friend.



Passing of the Peace

Blessing



**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 2074*

Fish picture: <http://reachthenationsforchrist.blogspot.com/2013/05/we-are-his-net.html>; Flower pictures by Frances Notley.
Other photos by Alice LaRusso. Prayers written by Reverend Michelle Mejia



- ¹LORD, you have examined me and
you know me.
- ²You know everything I do;
from far away you understand all
my thoughts.
- ³You see me, whether I am working
or resting;
you know all my actions.
- ⁴Even before I speak,
you already know what I will say.
- ⁵You are all around me on every side;
you protect me with your power.
- ⁶Your knowledge of me is too deep;
it is beyond my understanding.
- ⁷Where could I go to escape from
you?
Where could I get away from your
presence?
- ⁸If I went up to heaven, you would
be there;
if I lay down in the world of the
dead, you would be there.
- ⁹If I flew away beyond the east
or lived in the farthest place in the
west,
- ¹⁰you would be there to lead me,
you would be there to help me.

Psalm **139: 1-10**

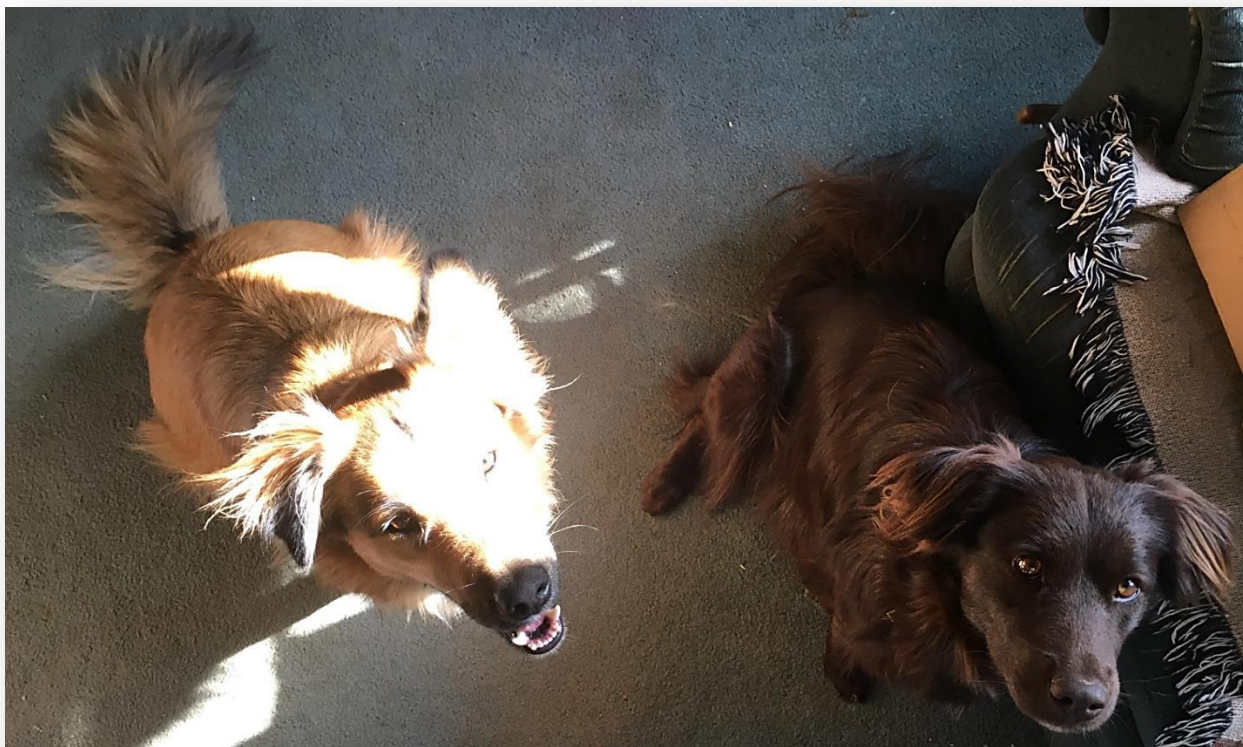
Favorite Scripture


Susan Koch shared her remembrance of this Psalm: her mother, who was in poor health, came to live with Susan and her husband, Jim, early in their marriage. On the day her mom passed away, this Psalm was the subject in Susan's daily devotional reading. It has meant a lot to her since then.

Signs of Hope



Donna Hoyert shares these signs of hope: a dogwood tree in bloom, and her dogs “which have the confident expectation part down for hope”.



A photograph of a dense patch of pink flowers with green leaves. A large, solid green heart is superimposed over the center of the image, containing a message of gratitude.

*Thank you to all of you who have
mothered, loved, and positively
influenced others.*



Announcements – May 10, 2020

HOMEMADE MASKS NEEDED If you are willing and able to make masks for essential workers, *Route One Mask Match* needs your skills! They will provide materials and will pick up the masks (in a safe manner) from your home. Please contact the church office for more information.

THE UPPER ROOM If you would like to receive a copy of the daily devotion magazine for May-June, please write to the church office. office@uumcp.org

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Each day at noon, Bishop Easterling prays the Lord's Prayer. She invites you to do the same.

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. If you attempted to join us last week, but had difficulties, please contact the church office. office@uumcp.org

HELP OFFER If you need help with anything – prayers, getting food or medicine, rides to a doctor, or... Please let the church office know. We will do our best to help you!

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