UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday after Easter | April 19, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia

Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music *Blesssed Assurance* UMH #369

Beverly Babcock - Organ

Welcome Message

Easter Litany: Resurrection Light[1]

Leader: Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
All: may your dawn beckon.

Leader: When fear paralyses us
All: may your touch release us.

Leader: When grief torments us
All: may your peace enfold us.

Leader: When memories haunt us
All: may your presence heal us.

Leader: When justice fails us
All: may your anger ignite us.

Leader: When apathy stagnates us
All: may your challenge renew us.

Leader: When courage leaves us
All: may your spirit inspire us.

Leader: When despair grips us
All: may your hope restore us.

Leader: And when death threatens us
All: may your resurrection light lead us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *The Day of Resurrection* UMH #303

Verse 1 **The day of resurrection!**
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Verse 3 **Now let the heavens be joyful!**
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Opening Prayer[2]

That your glory rises in the morning sun and sparkles off flowing waters,
that the glory of the everlasting world
shines in this world
growing from the ground
and issuing forth in every creature,
that glory can be handled, seen and known
in the matter of earth and human relationships
and the most ordinary matters of daily life,
assure us again this day, O God,
assure us again this day.

Prayers

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 Mark 16: 1-8 NRSV

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. [2] And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. [3] They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" [4] When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. [5] As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. [6] But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." [8] So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Pastor Michelle Mejia

<u>WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD</u>

Giving of our Gifts ***If you haven't already done so, we hope you'll share your gifts.

Music Ministry *Angus Dei* Bizet
Millicent Scarlett - soprano

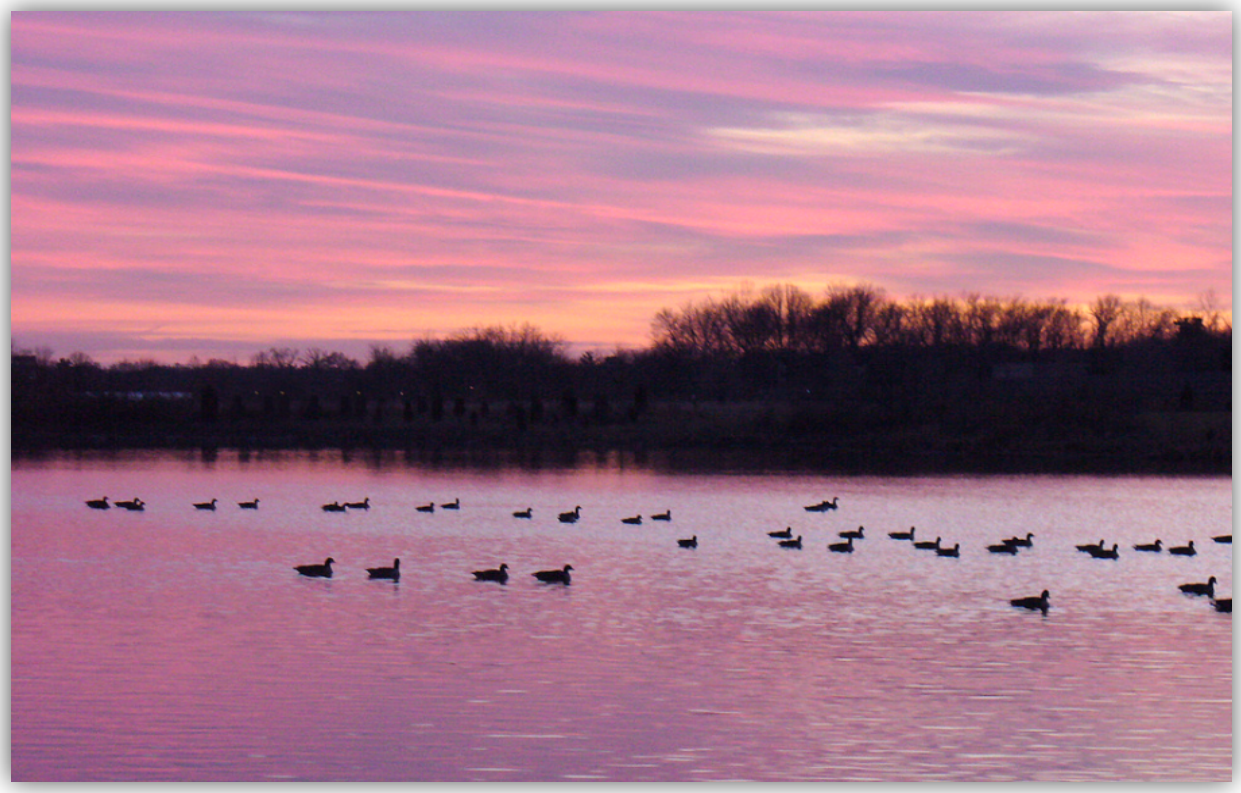
Doxology UMH #94

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 *Christ Is Alive* UMH #318

Verse 1: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Verse 3: Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.



Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude *Shalom to You* UMH #666
Beverly Babcock - Organ

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Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:
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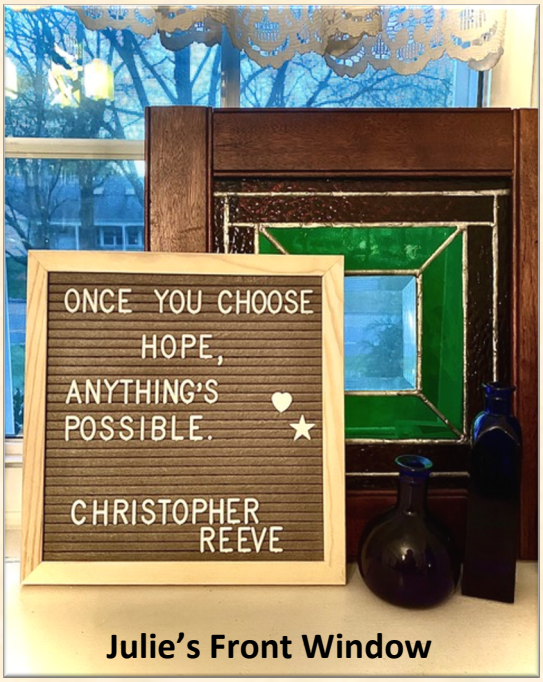
The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1

Flower pictures taken by FrancesNotley. Tree photo taken by Janis Pressley. Other photos taken at Lake Artemesia by Alice LaRusso.

[1] written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, and posted on the **CAFOD** website. http://www.cafod.org.uk/
[2] excerpt from 'Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter' by John Philip Newell



Julie's Front Window

Patricia's Planted Paper Butterfly

Al and Cathy Thorne

Janis P.

Alice

Signs of Hope

Easter Rainbow - Frances

Announcements – April 19, 2020

SPREAD THE WORD Let your friends, family, and coworkers know that we are offering live streamed services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The service can be accessed through our website: www.uumcp.org

CLOSED DOORS Our building is closed until further notice. Instead of stopping by, please call or email the church office if you need anything. office@uumcp.org

YOUR OFFERING It is possible to have your offering sent from your bank directly to our church. You set this up through your own bank; you do not need to share account information with the church.

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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