

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 7, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship – Zoom Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Cold and Frosty

Traditional

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

**When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.
When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.
When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.**

Hymn of Praise

Ye Servants of God
Verses one and four

UMH #181

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear
Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 23:1-12

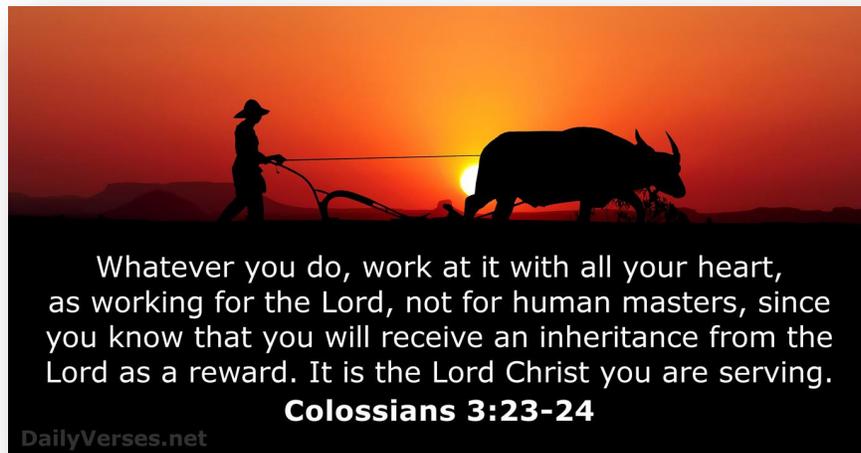
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Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

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

Sermon

Rev. Michelle Mejia



Prayer

God-ever-with-us:

you draw us near to your heart,
so that, cradled in compassion,
we might see the brokenness
of all who are around us.

Teacher-beside-us:

you draw us near to yourself,
so that, by following you,
we may discover the deep joy
of serving the broken of the world.

Spirit-within-us:

you draw near to us with your peace,
so that, reconciled and restored to God,
we may be the healers to a world shattered by despair.

God in Community, Holy in One,
as we draw near to you in this time,
we lift the prayer you have taught us, saying,

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.

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together
Verses 1, 2, 3

UMH #618



Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Giving

Special Music

My God Is So High
Millicent Scarlett

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation
Verses one and five

UMH #529

Opportunities for Connection and Service

Benediction

**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*

Liturgy written by Thom. Shuman http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008_10_01_archive.html%20

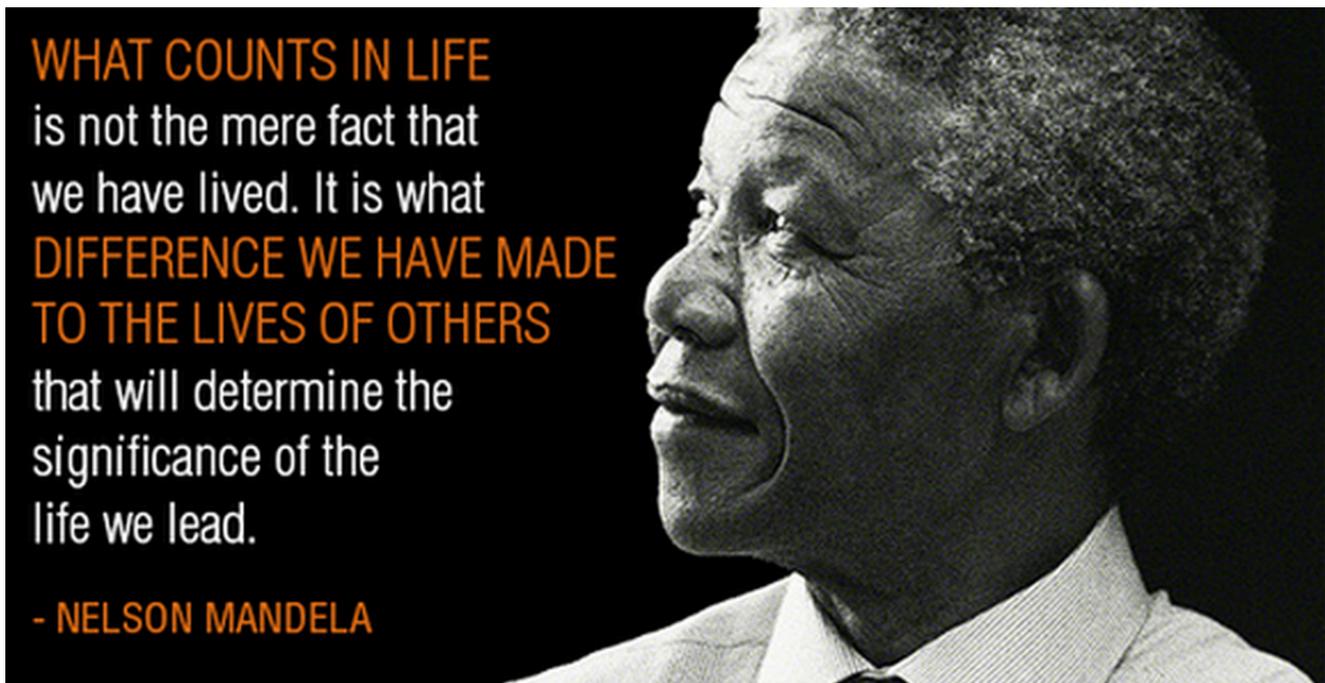
Sign of Hope

Loaves & Fishes



On the third Sunday of each month, our church offers a meal and “goody bag” of snacks and fresh fruit to community members. Two guests bring meals home to their families, which include several children. Other guests, who arrive by car, walking, or on bicycles, either eat their meal on our church lawn, or take it with them.

During non-COVID times, guests also may shower in our downstairs facility, and rest and visit for a couple of hours in Fellowship Hall.



Announcements for February 7, 2021

LENTEN KITS Ash Wednesday and Lent are coming soon. To help you observe these important times of our Christian life, you may use a “Lenten Kit” which we have created for you. Please plan to pick up your kit on either Sunday, Feb. 14 between 12:00 and 1:00 OR on Ash Wednesday, February 17 between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GIVING STATEMENTS Your personal giving statement for 2020 was snail mailed to you on Friday, February 5, so look for it soon in your mailbox. If you have questions, please contact Craig: clasher@pai.org

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS: The BWC awards scholarships for qualified students currently attending college, as well as high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2021. The application process is now open and closes March 24. A variety of scholarships are offered to fit the diverse needs of our students. For more information: <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>

EXPLORE “LOVING OUR ENEMY” Dr. Brené Brown, a research professor, has spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy and is the author of five #1 *New York Times* bestsellers. Her podcast on dehumanization and our current era is available at brenebrown.com

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 online Facebook or pre-recorded worship services.

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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"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself and one for helping others." Maya Angelou

