



Order of Worship - July 23, 2023

Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping with us today! We invite you to mask or unmask, as you are most comfortable.

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn Sing

Choral Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

Worship Leader: Julie Ponting

One: When we pass through the waters,

All: God is there with us.

O: When we are joyful and celebratory,

A: God is there with us.

O: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

A: God is there with us.

O: Whether we see the new thing or not,

A: God is there with us, always.

Come, let us worship our God.

One: Let us pray:

**Creator of the universe,
we stand amazed at your power and glory.
We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,
but we are often reluctant to answer
when we hear you calling our name.
We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,
but shy away from the river,
lest we be baptized
with the fire of the Holy Spirit.
Forgive us when we forget your promise
to be with us always, O God.
Renew us with the power of your ever-present love,
and strengthen us to proclaim your justice
throughout the world. Amen.**

*Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98

Storytime with Children

(Following this, children may sit with their parents.)

Prayer for Illumination

**Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word
that it may serve to show us the path of life
and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7, 14-19

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For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn

Amazing Grace vv. 1, 2, 6

UMH #378

A Contemporary Reading

Sermon

Rev. Chelsea Spyles

*We rise in body or spirit.

Call to Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TFWS #2200

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Offering

Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box in the back, the basket in the front, before or after the service, mailed to the church office, made online at www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving, or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236

Music Ministry

*Doxology

UMH #94

Opportunities to Serve

*Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

See attachment

*Benediction

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Thank you to Reverend Chelsea Spyles, who is with us today as a visiting pastor. She is Pastor and Executive Director of Riverfront Ministries in Wilmington, Delaware. They are an inclusive faith community of Song, Word, and Table. They gather for worship and serve the community around issues of food & economic justice.

UMD Food Pantry Request During this past school year, we collected spices for the on-campus food pantry and will do so again in fall. Presently, they are getting requests from students for feminine hygiene products. If you could donate items, please place them in the food collection box in the narthex (the sanctuary lobby). Thank you!

For Your Calendar:

Aug. 20	Loaves and Fishes Community Meal
August 27	Welcome back picnic; UMD Students on campus Children's Sunday school
Sept. 2	UMD Football game; 3:30. Volunteers needed
Sept. 9	UMD Football game; 7:30 p.m; Volunteers needed

Rev. Michelle Mejia, Pastor
Alice La Russo, Office Manager
Millicent Scarlett, Music Director
Dana Scott, Organist/Pianist
Kenny Miller, Building Engineer
Stephanie Brewer, Nursery School Director

UUMC Staff

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Call, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Send Prayer Requests: office@uumcp.org

For more info and other events, visit www.uumcp.org or follow us on Facebook!

