



## Order of Worship - July 2, 2023

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Prayer**

*An Invitation to the Holy Spirit*      Worship Leader: Susan Howley  
UMH #335

**\*Hymn**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*      UMH #334

**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**

Genesis 11:1-9      O.T. p.9  
Acts 2:5-8, 46-47      N.T. p.119, 120

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**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*      TFWS #2128

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

**Sermon**

*From Babel to Belonging*      Cassandra Lawrence

**Reflection Time**

**Call to Prayer**

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*      UMH #349

**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](http://www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving), or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236

\*We rise in body or spirit.

\*Doxology

UMH #94

Opportunities to Serve

\*Hymn

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH #560

\*Benediction

Postlude



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** Cassandra Lawrence is a provisional Deacon in the United Methodist Church and the Director of Strategic Communications with the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign, a multifaith coalition of religious denominations and faith-based organizations committed to countering and preventing anti-Muslim discrimination and violence in the United States by building a society where all are treated with dignity and respect. She also teaches negotiation, conflict transformation, and conflict resilience with a particular focus on religious communities. She is a mediator, dialogue facilitator, and interfaith and racial justice community organizer.

**July 9 Barbecue** Spoonz of Love Catering, a vendor at the College Park Farmers' Market every Saturday, has offered to gift us with a lunch following our worship on July 9. In addition to their homemade desserts, they will provide grilled fish, half smokes, sausages, burgers, fries, and mac and cheese. To add to this festive lunch, we'll have music and outdoor games - jenga, cornhole, and zap toss. We hope that you are planning to stay for an afternoon of great food, fellowship, and fun.

**No Fireworks** The Univ. of Maryland will **not** be hosting a fireworks display on July 4.

#### For Your Calendar

- July 9 Children's Sunday School  
Outdoor Barbecue, Music, Games
- July 16 Loaves and Fishes Meal; Volunteers needed

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](mailto:office@uumcp.org)

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