



Order of Worship - November 12, 2023

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

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Musical Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Worship leader: Donna Southwood Smith

One: Loving God, you care for the world, day in and day out.

All: Open our hearts, that we may care with you.

One: Compassionate God, you heal the world, day in and day out.

All: Open our eyes, that we may heal and repair with you.

One: Merciful God, you forgive the world, calling us back to you, day in and day out.

All: Open our minds, that we may forgive ourselves and each other with you.

One: You made us in your image: caring, compassionate, forgiving.

All: Let us become who we are, walking with you, day in and day out.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH #368

Story Time with Children (After this, all children may go to Sunday school.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

NT p. 103

Colossians 3:1-4, 11-17

NT p. 201

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

Together We Serve

TFWS #2175

Sermon

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Call to Prayer

Open Our Eyes

UMH #2086

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Offering and Answering God's Call

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

*Doxology

UMH #94

Opportunities to Serve

*Hymn

We are Called

TFWS #2172

*Benediction

Postlude



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 19 Potluck/Decorating/Loaves and Fishes Following worship next Sunday, Nov. 19, we have many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and service. Our potluck meal will be after worship, followed by the of decorating the sanctuary and hall for Advent and Christmas. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and then plan to stay and have fun decorating! At 12:30, we will serve our Loaves and Fishes meal to guests, in the gym. We welcome your help for that special activity, too!

Readiness 360 report helps congregations gain shared, unprecedented insight as to where they are so that any new vision, goal, or ministry becomes more achievable. We have been given this valuable tool to gain information about our congregation. The tool gathers information from responses to a survey. Could you please complete this online survey to help us? The link will be sent via email tomorrow, November 13; we ask that you complete it by November 28. Thank you!

Abundant Life Next Sunday, Pastor Michelle will complete her worship sermon series centered around "Abundant Life", followed by the reception of our pledge cards. Please bring yours with you to worship. If you did not receive one in the mail, you may pick one up from the narthex today.

UMD Food Pantry We are collecting cayenne pepper in November (and cinnamon in December) for the Univ. of MD Food Pantry. Students are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Please place your donations in the food collection box in the narthex (the sanctuary lobby). Thank you!

For Your Calendar:

- Nov. 12 Bell Ringers' Rehearsal
- Nov. 13 Leadership Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.on Zoom
- Nov. 16 Just Neighbors Clinic 5:30 - 8:30
- Nov. 18 Football game; Need volunteers to park cars
- Nov. 19 Celebrate our Abundant Life by receiving pledges during worship
Potluck/Loaves and Fishes/Advent Preparation Fun
- Nov. 26 First day of Advent; Bell Ringers' Rehearsal
- Dec. 17 Cantata
- Dec. 21 Longest Night Service- Liturgy for the Weary; 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24 Sunday, Christmas Eve - One Service - 5:00 p.m.; No morning service
- Dec. 31 Service of Stories, Poems, and Music

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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!

