



Order of Worship - September 12, 2021

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! As a part of our commitment to care for the vulnerable among us, we are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask as we readjust to in-person worship. During hymns, please sing with your mask on. Following worship, please exit the Sanctuary and building completely to enjoy fellowship with one another outside.

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship

Worship Leader: Kent Roberson

Who will be God's people?

We will be God's people.

Where will you go from here?

Wherever God leads

May our worship today help us fulfill these words to one another:

Where my pain is your pain

And my plight is your plight.

Where we are bound together

Our journeys interconnected

Our destinies joined

May we hold one another's lives in our hands and our hearts as if they were our own.

Where will we go from here?

Let us worship God together and find out.

*Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH # 529

*Opening Prayer

Triune God, As one who loves and lives in continuous relationship - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - you inspire us. Help us to keep building relationships with all your people, doing the hard work of deepening, seeking understanding, and making time for the things that matter. Help us to be curious, vulnerable and open to your leading in these times. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:1-22

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Where Do We Go from Here?

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Prayers of the People

Lords Prayer

UMH #895

Offering

Financial offerings can be placed in the offering box, 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

Special Music

If You Love Me
Aldersgate Choir

John Ness Beck

**We rise in body or spirit*



*Doxology

UMH #94

*Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

UMH #130

Opportunities to Serve

*Benediction

*Postlude

Flowers are provided by Titi Inthanil. Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah Are, ASanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org; Opening prayer and call to worship adapted by Rev. Mejia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher Next Sunday, September 19, we are privileged to host Giovanni Arroyo, the newly appointed General Secretary for our General Board of Religion and Race. We are excited to offer the opportunity to hear Rev. Arroyo's message during our service. We hope that you can be with us, too!

Handbells Would you enjoy playing handbells? No experience is necessary! If you are interested, please stay after the service on September 19 for a short planning meeting.

Attention UMD Students!

What if church could be a dinner party? Join The Terp Hub every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6pm at UUMC for Dinner Church starting tonight. Dinner Church is a service that embodies the first century communion practice of sharing a full meal as worship. Gluten-free and vegetarian options available.

October Book Study All are made in the image and likeness of God. If this is what we believe, then trans people, like all people, reflect something of God, and not just in the ways that they share in common with others, but also in the ways that they are different. They remind us that God is beyond all of our categories, even gender. In *Beyond a Binary God: A Theology for Trans* Allies*, author Tara Soughers explores theology from the position of a trans ally—a parent of a trans young adult as well as priest. You are invited into join conversations about this book in our study, which will take place on Zoom on Monday nights in October. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office so that we are able to order a book for you.

Choir Do you enjoy singing? Millicent Scarlett, our music director, welcomes YOU to join the choir. Our choir sings a variety of music, from classical to contemporary songs. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 and Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:20. Participants are asked to wear masks.

Parking - Volunteers needed: Oct. 1, 30. To help, see email blast or contact Kenny Theodos: 203-437-5610 or Kennethatheodos@gmail.com.

Help Needed Please let the church office know if you are able to help with these important ministries:

Greeter for in the sanctuary lobby 10:15 - 10:30 Sunday mornings

Closer - Following worship services, lock outside doors and turn off hall lights

Hospitality - Put food and drinks out for Fellowship Time; Clean up after.

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Dana Scott, Organist/Pianist
Kenny Miller, Building Engineer
Stephanie Brewer, Nursery School Director

Join us for other church activities, both in-person and virtually!

Sundays

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

11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Call, noon

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!

