

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 4, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Psalm 121

From Where Does My Help Come?

Order of Worship – Zoom Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional

Welcome

Call to Worship (*Based on Psalm 138*)

Faithful God,
we come into Your presence with thanksgiving,
deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness
You have shown toward us, Your people.
When we call out to You, You answer.
When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on.
When we find ourselves in trouble,
You are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before You gratitude and praise,
offering You the worship of our hearts and lives.
Open our eyes to see and know You here among us;
open our ears to recognize Your voice.
And then send us out from here,
to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Marching to Zion
verses one and four

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We Hear God's Word

Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

We would make room for you, dear Lord: room in our minds and hearts; room also in our life together. Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 121



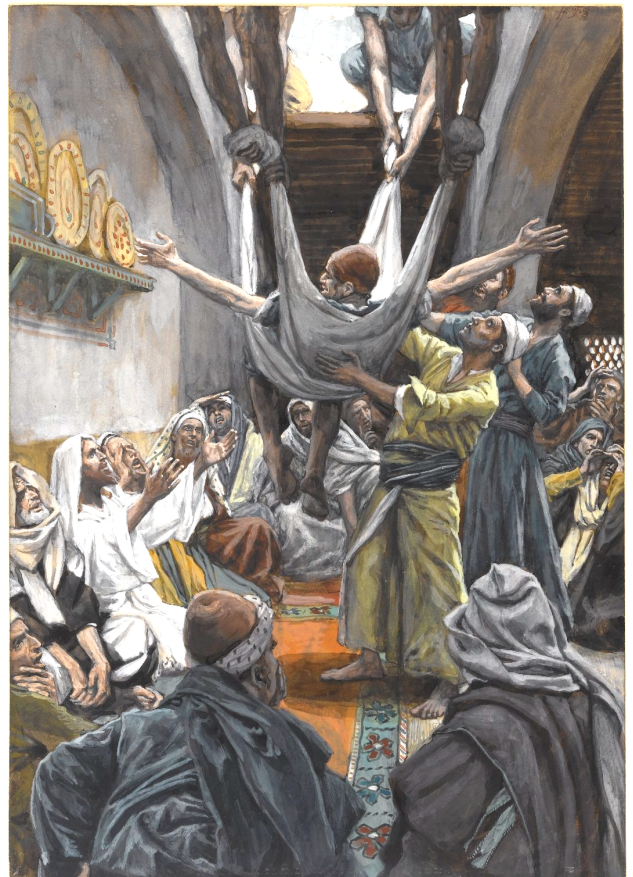
I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and
going
both now and forevermore.

Mark 2: 1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’ ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”



Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Pastor Michelle

Invitation to Sharing

Who or what has been helpful to you during this season?

Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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Opportunities for Connection and Service

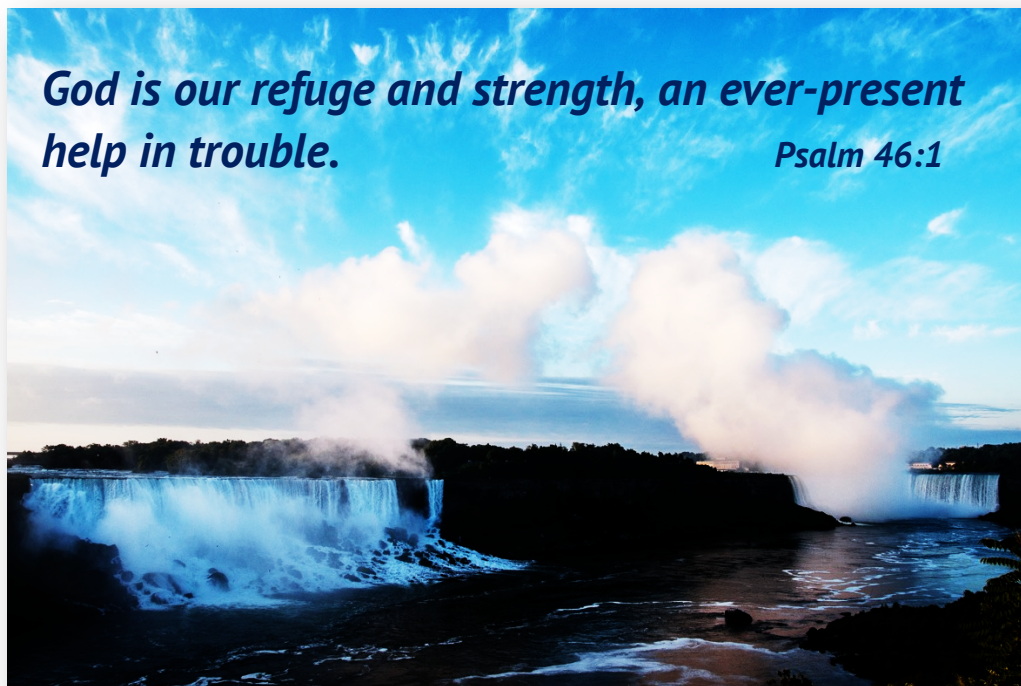
Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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Benediction

You are invited to stay on the Zoom call following the benediction for a time of fellowship.



***God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present
help in trouble.***

Psalm 46:1

**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*

Flowers provided by Frances and David Notley. Flowers arranged by Marie Venero. Call to Worship: Christine Longhurst, re: Worship White mountains: grantspasschurchofchrist.com Painting: James Tissot (French, 1836-1902). *The Paralyzed Man Let Down through the Roof (Le paralytique descendu du toit)*, 1886-1896. Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper,

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Signs of Hope

PG Library kicked off the summer reading program on UUMC's lawn.





Announcements for June 27, 2021

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

July 4	Zoom service; 10:30 a.m.
July 11	INDOOR Services Commence; 10:30 a.m.
July 24	Memorial Service for Bob Slack; 10:00 a.m.

HELP NEEDED How exciting it will be to worship in person, in our sanctuary! Before our first indoor service on July 11, there are a few tasks that need to be done. Could you help? Please contact the church office for more information: office@uumcp.org

- Trim bushes
- Weed
- Organize items for the sacristy closet
- Sweep the walk (more gumballs!)
- Hymnal check
- Complete name tag project

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 Zoom information that morning.