

**UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Fifth Sunday after Easter | May 17, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



**Order of Worship - Streaming Service**

**WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Gathering Music**

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Julie Ponting – Oboe (both parts)

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**Blessing**

*On Waking*

John O'Donohue

**Welcome Message**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** When we are insecure like Peter,  
**All:** **With one question, you remind us of what matters most.**  
Leader: "Do you love me?" Jesus asks.  
**All:** **We do indeed.**  
Leader: "Then you have work to do," Jesus replies.  
**All:** **"Feed my lambs and take care of my sheep."**  
Leader: As we worship and reaffirm our love for Christ today,  
**All:** **We also recommit to nurturing all of God's people.**  
**Lord Jesus, we love you. And we will tend your sheep.**

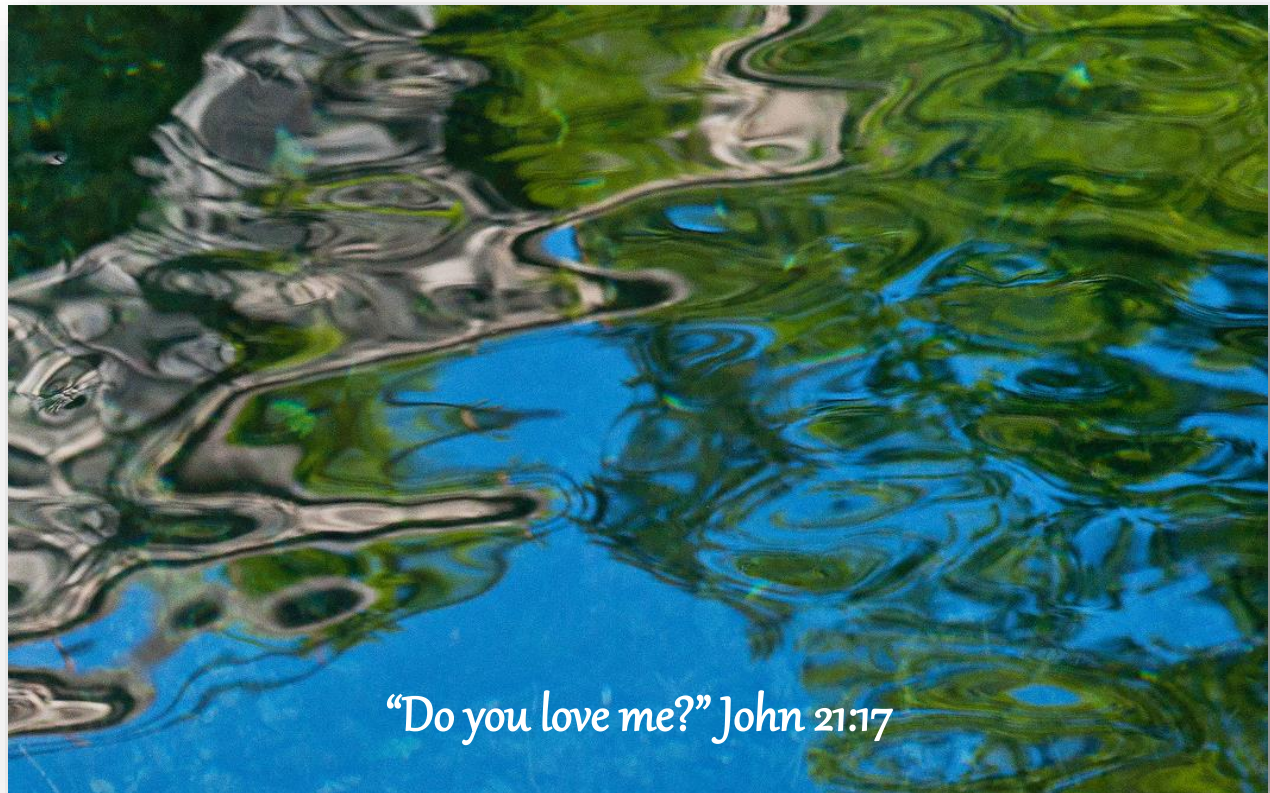


Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Verse 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above



## Opening Prayer

Risen Christ,  
Knowing Peter's denial,  
And his insecurity about his place in the world,  
You offered him grace,  
And an opportunity  
To proclaim and show his love for you over his fear.  
You offer us the same grace,  
The same opportunity to proclaim and show our love for you,  
Over any of our fears.  
Today, we say once again,  
We love you.  
And we will show our love by feeding and tending to your sheep.  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## Prayer of Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.  
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding  
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.



**Scripture**

John 21:15-25

NRSV

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") 21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." 23 Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?" 24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. 25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

**Leader:** This is the Word of God for the People of God.     **All:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Pastor Michelle Mejia

**Prayer***The Gift of Love*

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

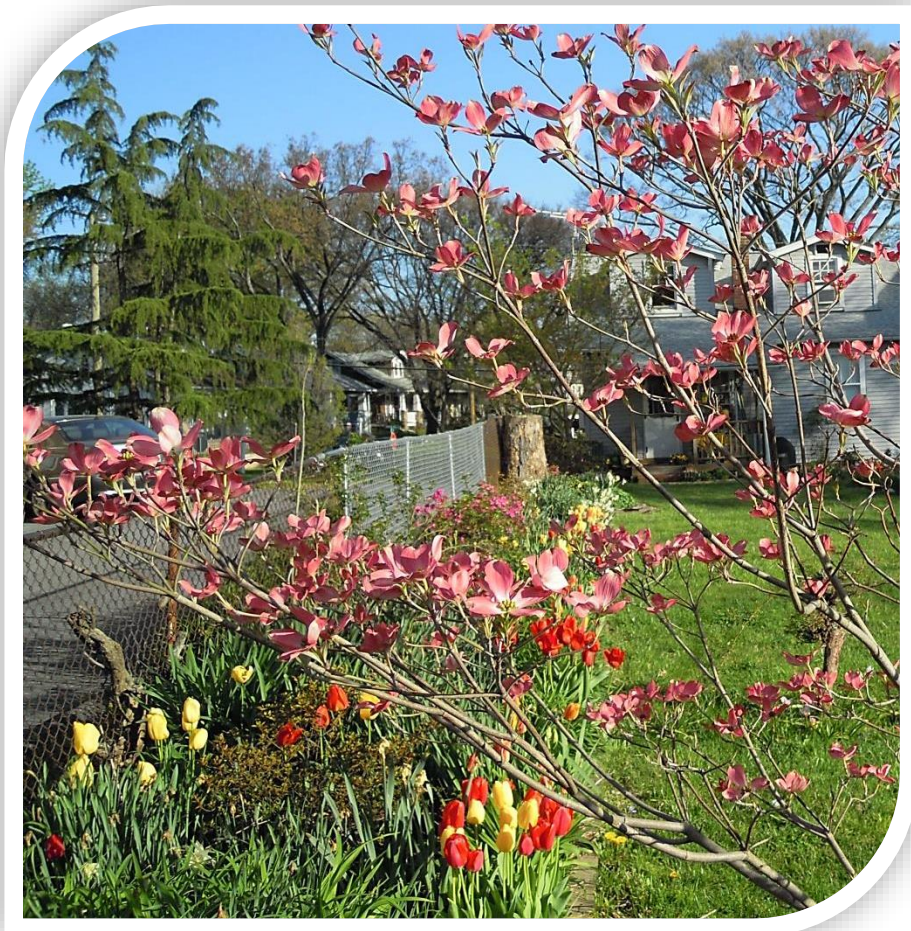
**Giving of our Gifts**

\*If you haven't already done so, we hope you'll share your gifts.

**Music Ministry**

*Freely, Freely*  
Millicent Scarlett - soprano

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**Doxology**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 1

I can hear my Savior calling  
I can hear my Savior calling  
I can hear my Savior calling  
Take thy cross and follow, follow me.  
Where he leads me I will follow  
Where he leads me I will follow  
Where he leads me I will follow  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Verse 4

He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
And go with me, with me all the way.  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.





**Passing of the Peace**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Shalom to You*  
Beverly Babcock – Organ

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Jesus with Disciples picture and sheep picture: <http://www.freebibleimages.org/photos/jesus-questions-peter/picture>  
Flower pictures by Frances Notley. Other photos by Alice LaRusso. Prayers written by Reverend Michelle Mejia.

## OPEN MY EYES

READ Matthew 20:29-34

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*Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

— Psalm 119:18 (NRSV)

When Jesus was passing by, the two blind men sitting by the road cried out to him. When Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" (NIV) they answered, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

When I imagine Jesus walking over to me and asking me the same question, I struggle with my request. Yes, I have bills that are crippling me. Yet, I'm not sure that "pay my bills" would be the answer I would give — it would mean only temporary relief.

After much thought and prayer, I believe I have my answer — revealed by the Holy Spirit. The funny thing is, the answer was there in the scripture the whole time. As I continued praying, I gave my answer to Jesus: "Lord, let [my] eyes be opened."

I remembered how often I have asked Jesus to open my eyes that I may see God's mysteries, to open my ears to hear, and to open my mind to perceive truthfully. This precious gift from Jesus draws me closer to God.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
What do I want Jesus to do for me?

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for answered prayers. Thank you for having mercy on us and for bringing us into relationship with you. Amen.

Jabulile Gubula (Gauteng, South Africa) — See p. 21.

**Prayer Focus:** PEOPLE BURDENED BY DEBT

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## OPEN MY EYES

(Inspired by 4/29/2020 Upper Room Devotion)

Open my mind oh Lord I plead  
that I may be closer to Thee.

Open my eyes God that I may see  
all Your wondrous things before me.

Open my ears dear Father I pray  
that I may hear Your directions each day.

Open my mouth Lord of all  
that I may praise you Winter, Spring, Summer,  
and Fall.

Open my heart loving God I seek  
that I may share Your love of me with all I meet.

Open my mind oh Lord I plead  
that I may be closer to Thee.

By Janis  
Pressley

# INSPIRATION!





## Announcements – May 17, 2020

**HOMEMADE MASKS NEEDED** If you are willing and able to make masks for essential workers, *Route One Mask Match* needs your skills! They will provide materials and will pick up the masks (in a safe manner) from your home. Please contact the church office for more information.

**THE UPPER ROOM** If you would like to receive a copy of the daily devotion magazine for May-June, please write to the church office. [office@uumcp.org](mailto:office@uumcp.org)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** – Each day at noon, Bishop Easterling prays the Lord's Prayer. She invites you to do the same.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYERS** Join Pastor Michelle and members of your church family in a time of sharing prayers on Wednesdays at noon, via a conference call. The phone number will be emailed to you prior to the meeting time. If you attempted to join us last week, but had difficulties, please contact the church office. [office@uumcp.org](mailto:office@uumcp.org)

**HELP OFFER** If you need help with anything – prayers, getting food or medicine, rides to a doctor, or... Please let the church office know. We will do our best to help you!

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