



## Order of Worship - May 21, 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

### \*Call to Worship

Worship Leader: Susan Howley

One: Come all who are hungry and thirsty.

**All: The Lord will provide for our needs.**

O: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

**A: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.**

O: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

**A: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gifts of love.**

Please pray with me:

**Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first,  
and the humble and the mighty trade places.**

**Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;**

**let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!**

**Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table  
and welcome others with radical hospitality.**

**In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

*Gather Us In v.1, 2 & 4*

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**Storytime with Children** *(Following this, children may sit with their parents in the pews.)*

### 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

Luke 14:1, 7 - 24

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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, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast v.1, 2 & 5*

UMH #616

### Sermon

Pastor Michelle

### 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

### Music Ministry

Julianne Van Meerten and Dana Scott

\*We rise in body or spirit.

\*Doxology

UMH #94

Mission Moment

Opportunities to Serve

\*Hymn

*Freely, Freely*

UMH #389

\*Benediction

Postlude

Call to Worship from Breakthrough 2020, United Methodists of GNJ; Call to Prayer: by Rev. Christopher Ney, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Table Talk** What is this? In May and June, we are offering three evenings of food and conversation. Why? To offer opportunities for our church family to connect, build relationships by getting to know each other better! When? May 24 and June 7 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Child care will be provided after our catered meals. Please **RSVP** to the church office **by tomorrow** if you can come this Wednesday evening. [office@uumcp.org](mailto:office@uumcp.org)

**Table Talk Caterer** Chef Cris, of Craveables Catering LLC, has chosen the menus and prepared the delicious dinners for our evening meals this month. She is lovely to work with! To reach her: [Support@craveablescatering.com](mailto:Support@craveablescatering.com)

**Spice Drive** UUMC is donating specific spices to the UMD Food Pantry each month. In May we are collecting turmeric and in June, the last month of the Spice Drive, we will ask for garlic powder.

**Hospitality Table** Did you know that if everyone signed up to host the refreshment table one time during the year, that we would have snacks provided every week? Could you please consider signing up to host one week. You would need to bring a sweet, a savory or chip-like snack, and a veggie or fruit. Also, you would be asked to fill a pitcher with water or lemonade (provided) and then put away items at the end of the fellowship time (around 12:00)

**Weeding** Our church yard is beautiful! But occasionally, we need some volunteers to help maintain it. Are you able to do some weeding? We are asking people to "claim" one plant bed - or portion of one - to maintain by weeding. Watch for the sign up sheet so you can choose the section you would like to work on.

### For Your Calendar

Today	Bell Ringers' Rehearsal - in the Robinson Room Loaves and Fishes
May 24	Table Talk - Dinner and fun 6 - 7:30 p.m.
May 29	Children's Sunday School Bell Ringers' Rehearsal
June 4	Celebration of Pentecost; Communion
June 7	Table Talk - Dinner and fun 6 - 7:30

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UUMC Staff

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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