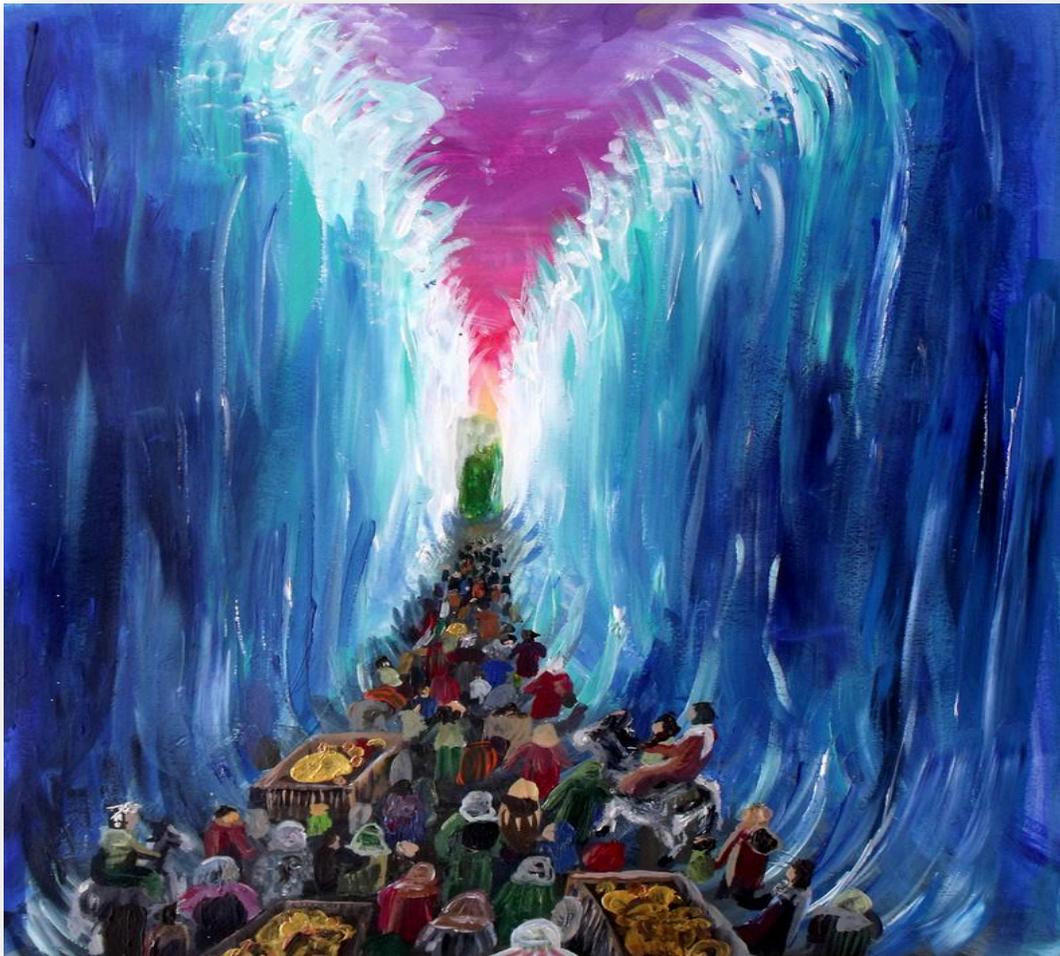


UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ
Bev Babcock - Piano

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Welcome Message

Call to Worship

**God of wonder and possibilities,
you lead us forward by day and by night
and illuminate the way through the darkness.**

**And when it seems that there is no way forward-
when it seems like forces of power and evil will overtake us,
and we cry out in fear,
you make a way out of no way.
In you, there is always hope.
You are moving, even as we stand still.
So we worship you and give you glory,
our liberator, our Lord, our God! Amen.**

Verse 1:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 4:

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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.**



The Red Sea (The red is from algae in the water.)

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.**

Exodus 13:21-22, ²¹The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. ²²Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.



Exodus 14:5-22 ⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. ⁹The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. ¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” ¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.



Moses Parting the Red Sea from Out of Africa blog spot by James Victor Jordan

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Prayers

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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Floyd Jones - Vocalist

Bach

Doxology

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!

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Verse 1

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome, someday.
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day

Verse 3

We shall all be free,
We shall all be free,
We shall all be free, someday.
Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe
That we shall all be free, someday.



Sadao Watanabe (Japanese, 1913–1996), Egyptians Drowning in the Red Sea, 1977. Hand-dyed kappazuri stencil print on momigami paper, 21 1/8 × 17 3/4 in. From the Bowden Collections.

Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Shalom to You
Beverly Babcock –Organ

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**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*

Opening prayer written by Emily Berkowitz. Crossing the Reed Sea by Kiraki-Kun. *Moses Parts the Red Sea from Prince of Egypt* – Youtube. Red Sea photo from <https://za.toluna.com/opinions/3948723/Why-it-is-called-Red-Sea>. Fox photo by Donna Hoyert. Worship flowers donated by Frances and David Notley; arrangement created by Marie Venero.



The Red Sea from: thevoiceofdjibouti.com

Sign of Hope



Pastor Michelle's family enjoyed a treat from a neighboring ice cream shop, Class 520, while sitting at our church's new picnic tables.

Feel free to enjoy a picnic on our lawn! There are three tables on our yard between the church building and the restaurants/apartments on Campus Drive. Two more picnic tables are near the nursery school playground.



Announcements – September 27, 2020

Inspired: Falling in love with the Story of Scripture

Have you ever wondered how all the stories of the Bible fit together? Have you ever thought about what it has to do with us today? Today we begin a new sermon series about the Bible for eight weeks, traveling from Genesis to Revelation. We will take a look at the overarching stories of the Bible, see how God's grace is at work throughout scripture in each time and place, and reflect on how all the stories come together as one continuous story of God's people.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Join our Sunday School class (via Zoom) for a discussion of scriptures, sharing of insights, and time of fellowship. We meet Sundays at 11:15 after our worship service. Details are in the email blast from this week.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Today begins our outside, every-other-week Sunday School class for children, ages preschool through eight. Participants, along with their parents will gather to learn, play, and have a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. on our church lawn. For more information, please contact the church office.

CHURCH CONFERENCE Once a year, our church family is invited to a meeting with the District Superintendent and other local churches. All of you are invited to attend this year's virtual meeting on Thursday evening, October 15. Directions for signing up will be sent to you next week.

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. For questions, please contact the church office: office@uumcp.org

PRAYERS AND COMMUNION Add October 11, 5:00 p.m. to your calendar! You won't want to miss our next outdoor, safely- held communion service.

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