

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



There's a place for you in the hive!



Order of Worship - Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Bev Babcock - Piano

UMH #557

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

Imagine a world in full bloom,
where life flourishes,
every kind of life,
from flowering flora, to creeping creatures, to humble humankind.

Imagine a world in harmony,
each human being living as God created them to be,
doing the work of their calling,
and the rest of the world growing and transforming as a result.

This is the more beautiful world we are becoming,
by the grace and gift of God.

Today, let us give thanks to God for this world and all who are in it.

Verse 1:

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas;
His hands the wonders wrought.

Verse 3:

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.



Opening Prayer¹

**God of the bees and of the flowers,
You remind us through your glorious creation,
that we have a purpose and a mission for our lives,
and that our mission helps the world flourish and bloom.
Give us the courage to step out in faith and follow our calling
in our own unique ways as the beloved people we already are.
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

Luke 5:17-26

CEB

¹⁷ One day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and legal experts were sitting nearby. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. Now the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. ¹⁸ Some men were bringing a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. They wanted to carry him in and place him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they took him up on the roof and lowered him—cot and all—through the roof tiles into the crowded room in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." ²¹ The legal experts and Pharisees began to mutter among themselves, "Who is this who insults God? Only God can forgive sins!" ²² Jesus recognized what they were discussing and responded, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? ²³ Which is easier—to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But so that you will know that the Human One^[a] has authority on the earth to forgive sins" —Jesus now spoke to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, get up, take your cot, and go home." ²⁵ Right away, the man stood before them, picked up his cot, and went home, praising God.

²⁶ All the people were beside themselves with wonder. Filled with awe, they glorified God, saying, "We've seen unimaginable things today."

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

All: Thanks be to God.



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

How Blessed Are They Who Trust in Christ
Bev Babcock – Piano

UMC #654

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!

UMH #94

Hymn of Service

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 4

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise



Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Shalom to You
Beverly Babcock –Organ

UMH #666

**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:

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Favorite Scripture

Psalm 100 (King James Version): ¹Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.² Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.³ Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.⁵ For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.



Ann Matteson says, "Psalm 100: I guess I like it because it is about singing. It is also very upbeat, which we need in times like these. It is also very reassuring. The Lord is loving and kind and his faithfulness will go on and on to each generation. The King James Version is perhaps more poetic than the [other versions]."



Announcements – July 19, 2020

BOOK RECOMMENDATION In August, our church family will be invited into conversation about Austin Channing Brown's book *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. If you would like to read this profound book, you may order it online through Amazon, or other book dealer. Amazon's link is: <https://www.amazon.com/Im-Still-Here-Dignity-Whiteness/dp/1524760854>

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.

YOUTUBE HELP Our church has its own Youtube channel. When we reach 100 followers, Youtube will promote our videos more vigorously for free. It would be wonderful to connect to people outside of our present church family! Subscribers do not pay a fee, nor have to fill out forms. To subscribe to a Youtube channel means that you support that group, which in this case, is our church. Could you, please, consider subscribing? To do so, go to one of our worship videos on Youtube, and click subscribe! That's it! Thank you.

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' HELP The government's order to deport international students has been rescinded, due to the work of many people. Thank you to those who signed the supporting petition.

THE UPPER ROOM magazine provides a scripture and short devotional reading for each day. If you would like to receive a July-August copy, please contact the church office. office@uumcp.org

CARE TEAM It is so important for us to stay connected as a church family. We would love to check in on everyone frequently, but need some more volunteers to help. If you could help with this, please let the church office know. (office@uumcp.org)

WORSHIP VIDEO HELP Isn't it fun to see friends! To that end, and to enhance our worship videos, we would love to have you "pass the offering plate" in a video that could be included for Sunday worship. If you have a smart phone, you have the capabilities to do this! For more information, please call or write the church office.

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.



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