

Order of Worship - November 5, 2023

Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping with us today! Feel free to mask or unmask, as you are most comfortable.

## Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Musical Call to Worship

\*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Worship leader: Logan Alley

One: God of grace, in the beginning, you gathered us into community, All: For as you said, "It is not good that the human being should be alone!" One: God of freedom, in the exodus, you gathered us into community,

All: For you heard the cry of our groaning, our desire for liberation, for new life! One: God of love, at Pentecost, you gathered us into community,

All: For you gave birth to the church!

One: And this morning, we give thanks that you gather us into community,

All: A community of abundant life: of grace, of freedom, and of love.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God!

One: Let us pray:

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things.

You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more.

You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God.

All: Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be,

that we may truly be your people,

living and doing your will,

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above UMH #709

**Story Time with Children** (After this, children may sit with their parents in the pews.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 10:1-18, Revelation 7:9-17 NT pp. 103, 249 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 Rejoice in God's Saints UMH #708

Sermon Pastor Michelle Mejia



\*We rise in body or spirit.

All Saints Remembrance

We remember those who have passed on:

Leo Fisher **Betsy Ponting** Dusan Scheibal Bob Slack Lillian Thomas

**Invitation to Holy Communion** 

TFWS p .2257 a - d Lord's Praver UMH #895

Holy Communion All are welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament. Gluten free options are available.

All are welcome to light one candle to honor the saints you are remembering today.

by Pepper Choplin Music Row Together to the Kingdom Aldersgate Choir

Offering and Answering God's Call

Financial offerings can be placed in the basket by the communion table, placed in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary, mailed to the church office, made online at www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving, or by texting an amount you want to give to: 301-364-9236

**UMH #94** \*Doxology

\*Benediction

\*Hymn Marching to Zion **UMH #733** 

**Postlude** 

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**UMD Food Pantry** We are collecting cayenne pepper in November for the Univ. of MD Food Pantry. Students are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Please place your donations in the food collection box in the narthex (the sanctuary lobby). Thank you!

UUMC Bell Ringers Are you able to play bells for worship on December 10? If so, and you are able to rehearse each Sunday in November (except for Nov. 19), you are invited to play with us. Rehearsals begin today!

## For Your Calendar:

Nov. 11 Bell Ringers' Rehearsal

Nov. 13 Leadership Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.on Zoom

Nov. 16 Just Neighbors Clinic 5:30 - 8:30

Nov. 18 Football game; Need volunteers to park cars

Nov. 19 Celebrate our Abundant Life by receiving pledges during worship Potluck/Loaves and Fishes/Advent Preparation Fun

Nov. 26 First day of Advent; Bell Ringers' Rehearsal

Dec. 17 Cantata

Dec. 21 Longest Night Service-Liturgy for the Weary; 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 24 Sunday, Christmas Eve - One Service - 5:00 p.m.; No morning service

Dec. 31 Service of Stories, Poems, and Music

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

For more info and other events, visit www.uumcp.org or follow us on Facebook!

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