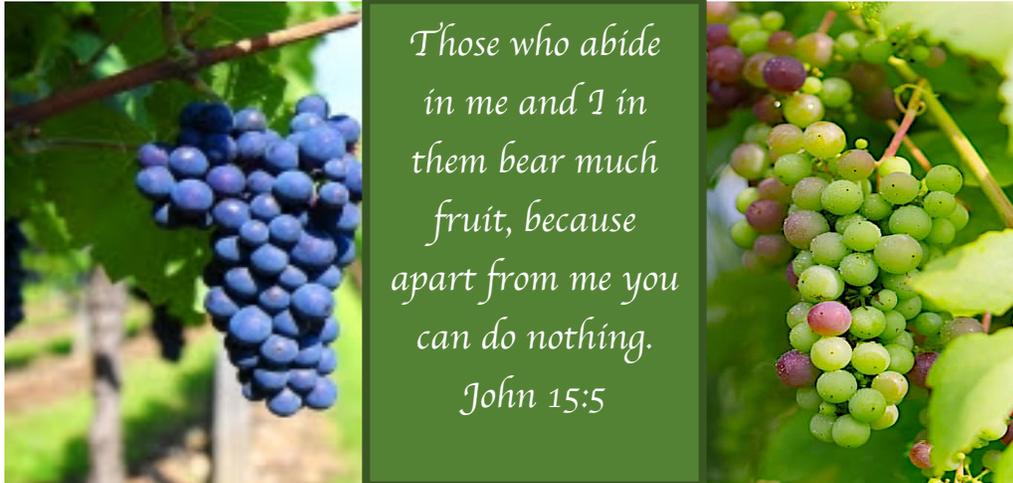


UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 7, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



**Order of Worship - Streaming Service**

**WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome Message**

**Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>** (inspired by John 15:1-8)

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One

God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

Verse 1:

Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
We are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear thee,  
By thy teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love thee solely.

Verse 3:

Glorious Lord, thyself impart,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding;  
Open thou our ears and heart,  
Help us by thy Spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry thy people raises,  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.



**Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>**

**God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace.  
Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of  
everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your  
Spirit, which flows through us today and all days.  
Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love.  
In your holy name, we pray. 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 15: 1-8

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<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become <sup>[c]</sup> my disciples.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.****Sermon**

Pastor Michelle Mejia

**Prayers**



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*

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Beverly Babcock –Organ

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*Another option is to mail your offering to the church office:*

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***The Red Vineyards near Arles*** by Vincent van Gogh

# *Favorite Scripture*

## **1 Corinthians 13**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,<sup>[a]</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



*Rosezella Canty-Letsome's favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 13. She says, "The reason I love it is that it clearly states that God is love. If you have love and act in love, you have God. Conversely, if you don't have love or act out of love, then you don't have*



### **Announcements – June 7, 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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join our Sunday School class (via Zoom) for a discussion of scriptures, sharing of insights, and time of fellowship. Details will arrive this week, via a googlegroup announcement.

**MUSIC RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED** Are you a healthy individual with an interest in music?

The University of Maryland Language and Music Cognition Laboratory is recruiting healthy adults of different ages to participate in a study about hearing melodies inside your head and making judgments about them.

Participants will be asked to....

- Rank their familiarity with various well-known song
- Perform a few exercises involving imagining a melody
- Provide some background information and perform a few other short tasks

Are you eligible?

- Between 60-85 years old
- Brought up in North America
- Age normal or corrected hearing (hearing aids are ok)
- Good physical and mental health
- General knowledge of common songs
- No need to be a musician!

The study will take less than one hour and can be conducted at a mutually convenient time. All you need is access to a quiet space, computer, and telephone! If you are interested in participating, please email [umdmusicresearch@gmail.com](mailto:umdmusicresearch@gmail.com)

**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)

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