

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 22, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor - Reverend Michelle Mejia



Becoming the Beloved: Given

Order of Worship - Live Streaming Service

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Gathering Music

Beverly Babcock

Welcome Message

Call to Worship

Leader: Many voices clamor for our attention.

People: But the Voice who matters most says:

Leader: "You are my beloved.

People: And you are a gift to the world."

Leader: Let us open our hearts and listen together

People: To the Voice who calls us

All: chosen, blessed, broken and given to be love in the world.

Hymn of Praise¹

Jesu, Jesu

Ghana Folk Song/Colvin

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Verse 1: Kneels at the feet of his friends
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Verse 2: Neighbors are rich and poor,
Neighbors are black and white,
Neighbors are near and far away.

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Verse 3: These are the ones we should serve
These are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
We often live as if our happiness depended on having, when in reality,
true joy and inner peace come from the giving of ourselves to others.
In these difficult times,
when we are isolated from one another physically,
help us to still find ways to give of ourselves and to share life with one another.
May our small acts of love multiply throughout the world,
so that all our seeds of giving come to bloom in a glorious and colorful spring. Amen.

Music Ministry

Millicent Scarlett

Prayers

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 12: 20- 26

New Revised Standard Bible

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Michelle Mejia

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

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Doxology²

Tune: Old 100th

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

Hymn of Service³

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Fawcett

Verse 1: **Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, they love possessing,
Triumph is redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

Verse 2: **Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful,
Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.**

Passing of the Peace

Blessing

Postlude

**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

¹Colvin 1969; Music: Ghana folk song, arr. Tom Colvin, 1969. Harm. By Charles H. Webb, 1988; 1969 and 1989 Hope Publishing Co.

²Doxology - Words: G.W. Dub Shepherd, 2206 | Music: Attr. To Louis Bourgeois, 1551Doxology: Published by The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, PO Box 340003, Nashville, TN 37203-0003. Web site <http://www.umcworship.org>

³Words: attr. To John Fawcett, 1773; Music: The European Magazine and Review, 1792; harm. From *The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book*, 1889, alt.



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SERVE ME,
LET HIM
FOLLOW ME;
AND WHERE I AM
THERE SHALL
ALSO MY
SERVANT
BE...

John 12:26

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Announcements – March 22, 2020

INFO PLEASE Please complete the Church Family Information sheet and return it to the office. We are creating a contact book for regular attendees and members. If you need a copy, please contact the church office: office@uumcp.org

GUMBALLS Are you looking for activities to fill your days? Do you need exercise? Come to church! We have thousands of gumballs (sweetgum trees' spiky fruit) on the lawn and in our empty parking lot which need to be raked and dumped in the woods at the back of the property. We have a wheelbarrow, but you would need to bring your own rake. Come enjoy the beautiful outdoors!

NEED HELP? If you are needing help picking up a prescription, getting groceries, going to the doctor, or anything else, please contact the church office. We will do our best to help you!

SPREAD THE WORD Let your friends, family, and coworkers know that we are offering live streamed services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The service can be accessed through our website: www.uumcp.org

BE SOCIAL! No, this is the wrong time to have friends over for game night or pizza. BUT! It's important to enjoy relationships during this "social distancing" time. Ideas to try: call or facetime people instead of writing them; go for a walk with a neighbor (stay recommended distance); try an online book club; read the same book as a friend- call and share your ideas together; do the same with a movie – share ideas with friends. Do you have other good ideas? Send them to the church office, so that they can be shared with our church family!

CLOSED DOORS Our building is closed through at least March 29. Instead of stopping by, please call or email the church office: office@uumcp.org if you need anything.

PRAYER LINE Perhaps you have heard that we have a "prayer line" for our church. What is it? It is a way of sharing prayer requests, joys, and concerns with others. When you post a request, you may be sure others are adding yours to their daily prayers. If you would like to be one who prays for others when requests are made, please contact the church office to be included in this google prayer group.

