



**LOVE FIRST
SERVE FIRST**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

February 13, 2022 + Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany + 10:00 AM

We belong to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

Rev. John Schol, Bishop

Rev. William M. Williams, District Superintendent

Kenneth Rapp, Music Director

Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader

Franck Aguilh, Pastor of Mission

ChangYong Shin, Lead Pastor

Bolded text - said in unison by all

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The Faith We Sing

** If able, please stand where indicated.*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have come to this holy place to worship our God; yet sanctuary is not always built by human hands.

People: **Everywhere I go is a sanctuary, every place a time to worship God!**

Leader: When we live as if this planet and all creation, even ourselves, is a sanctuary—a holy place full of the Creator’s presence—we walk differently upon this earth.

All: **I am always on sacred ground. I must move with reverence through all creation, and I enter this holy place now to worship the Creator! Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1,4,6)*

UMH 154

1. All hail the power of Jesus’ Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all,
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Opening Prayer

Leader: O Lord, our Good Shepherd, you are the source of all true and lasting joy. We praise you for your power which is beyond compare. We worship you for your wisdom which is beyond understanding. You can

meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. You have revealed yourself to your people and are building your church, against which the gates of hell can not prevail. How great you are. Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Jesus Christ! But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We come, asking You to forgive our brokenness and eradicate evil in the world; by Your Word and Spirit, purify the good, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. This we pray in the Name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God, to whom be praise and honor forever.

People: In the name of the Lord, we are forgiven. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- ---Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair & Verona).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

O Blessed Spring(vs. 4)

TFWS 2076

4. As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.

CALLED TO THE WORD

***Psalter Reading**

Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Hymn of Illumination

O Blessed Spring(vs. 5)

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5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Bobbette Kelly

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 6:17-23

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

Sermon

“ Blessed are you who are...”

Pastor ChangYong Shin

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

