



**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 + Seventh 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

Rev. 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

Jelena Cingara

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Heavenly Father, in glorifying Jesus and sending us your Spirit, you open the way to eternal life. May my sharing in this Gift increase my love and make my faith grow stronger. Send your Spirit to cleanse my life so that the offering of myself to You at Mass may be pleasing to You. May my sharing in the Eucharist, our Bread of Life, bring me eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

People: **Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.**

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us. God has called us to bring good news and liberation to the poor, to the marginalized, and to all who are in need anywhere.

All: **God's joy is our strength. Through God we can do all things. God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love. 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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus(vs.1)

TFWS 2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

I have decided

CALLED TO THE WORD

*Psalter Reading

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
People: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
People: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
People: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Leader: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
People: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.
Leader: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
People: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
Leader: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.
People: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
All: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Hymn of Illumination *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus(vs.2)*

TFWS 2129

2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Jessica Matos

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from

whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Sermon

"Do Good"

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**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

- 1.Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- 2.Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3.Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

***Sending Forth**

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

Jelena Cingara

Next Sunday Worship Team (Feb, 27, 2022)

Preacher: Vidal Guzman
Ushers: Michelle
Counters: Robert & Bobbette

Liturgist: Hilda Taylors
Acolyte: Joe Myers
Music Director: Kenneth Rapp

Reader: Marco Padilla
Children's Message: Leslie Lester