



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



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

October 18, 2020 + Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost + 10:00 AM

Bolded text - said in unison by all

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"A Diversion: Dove of Peace" - Gilbert Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord; praise God, O my soul! Let us praise God as long as we live.

**All: God alone is worthy of our devotion;
we will sing praise to God all our life long.**

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is the God, who labor in steadfast faith and love.

All: God lifts up those who are bowed down; prisoners are feed, and the blind see.

Leader: Grace to you and peace, from God whose care we know.

Worship now, giving to God all that belongs to God.

**All: We bring all that we are to this time of worship.
Praise God for the joy inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

[Refrain]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the tress;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
sent him Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Opening Prayer

Pastor: We gather in faith and hope to worship and praise you, God of all people. You have fed us in ways we did not know they have supported us when we had no strength of our own. You turn us from the idols we continue to create. You bring us together to remember the good news of your healing love and to experience the joy of your Sprit moving among us. Thanks be to you, O God, for all your gifts to us. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: We confess, O God, that we have not fulfilled the tasks for which you have chosen

us. We have failed to share the joy of faith. We have neglected to learn and pray and witness to your living presence among us. You have not received our full loyalty and devotion. We have found idols to occupy the time you have given us. O God, help us to refocus our energies and reclaim the mission you set before us. Amen. (Pausing for Siler Prayer...)

Leader: By God's grace, we are empowered to recognize and live by new priorities. We can set aside the distractions that rob life of its true purpose. God lifts up those who are bowed down the redirects those who have followed destructive paths. Receive God's forgiveness, and rejoice in God's love. Amen.

All: We Rejoice! Glory to God! 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).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.
- Send a text to Pastor Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

He is Exalted

TFWS 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name:

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 99

UMH 819

The Lord regins; let the peoples trembles!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and wondrous name!

Holy is the Lord!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at the Lord's footstool!

Holy is the Lord!

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,

Samuel also was among those who called upon God's name.

They cried to the Lord, who answered them, who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.

They kept God's testimonies, and the statute God gave them.

**O Lord, our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

Surely the Lord our God is holy!

Hymn of Illumination

Make Me a Servant

TFWS 2176

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Esther Kim

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon

"Likeness Matters"

Rev. Myungim Kim

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

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and
I danced in the Moon, and the stars, and the Sun, and
I came down from Heaven and I danced on Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth

[Refrain]

Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but
they would not dance and they would not follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came to me and the dance went on
3. I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
and they left me there on a cross to die
4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Sending Forth

Rev. Myungim Kim

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

"Finale" - Carl Simone

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.