



**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.**

September 6, 2020 + Fourteenth 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

Holy, Holy, Holy – John Dykes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God is here to meet us: glorify God's name. God welcomes us: put your trust in God.

All: We are here to celebrate God's presence.

We honor God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: God reveals to us the idols that limit us; God's governance is our help and our shield.

All: We give thanks for God's saving work.

We rejoice in authorities who seek our highest good.

Leader: Our Creator seeks to establish a community among us.

God calls us to be a reconciling people.

**All: Where two or three gather in Christ's name,
God is present to strengthen and uphold.**

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy!

UMH 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in Love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Opening Prayer

Leader: Your trumpets summon us, O God, to this time of remembering and renewal. We have sensed your presence through fire and storm when we felt threatened and afraid. We have known you in and through other people. Now, in these moments, we seek to bring the wholeness of our being into a deep relationship with you. Touch our spirits, fill us with your Love, equip us for our life in the world. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Steadfast God, we have doubted your presence and involvement in our lives. We have focused on immediate concerns rather than eternal values. We worship the idols we have made, the things we have accumulated, the successes we have enjoyed, the activities that give us pleasure. We rebel against any authority that challenges our self-interest or bids us to be neighbors to all. We find it hard to believe that your ways are better than our ways. Turn us around, God, for we do not want to be lifeless and unfeeling. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.
(Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

Leader: God loves us, even when we do not return that Love. God's forgiveness is always available to anyone who is truly sorry for all the wrong that has broken trust with God and fractured community

with neighbors. God is our help and shield when we put our trust in God. Live as forgiven people, gathering in Christ's name, consecrated, and committed to a new way of life.

All: We are forgiven; thanks be 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Message

Nicole Peaks

Responsive Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS 2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I can not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord, in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!**

Hymn of Illumination

Bless the Lord

FWS 2013

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Vidal Guzman

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal;

You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, Love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Sermon

"A Way of Life"

Rev. Myungim Kim

Passing the Peace of Christ

CALLED TO BE BLESSED

Hymn of Preparation

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

1. How can we name a Love That wakens heart and mind
In dwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find
Within our daily world In every human face
Love's echoes sound And God is found Hid in the commonplace
2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
That asked no great reward, but firm assured Was simply there
We can with parents' names describe and thus adore
Love unconfined a father kind a mother strong and sure
3. When people share a task and strength and skills unite
In projects old or new to make or do
With shared delight our friend and partner's will Is better understood
That all should share Create and care and know that life is good
4. So in a hundred names Each day we all can meet
A presence sensed and shown at work at home or in the street
Yet every name we see Shine in a brighter sun
In Christ alone Is Love full grown and life and hope begun

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Service of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. At the beginning of time, you brought order out of chaos and light out of darkness. When your people suffered loss, you sent prophets to comfort them with your word of hope and healing. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He stilled the storm and cast out evil. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. He raised the dead to life and delivered your word of deliverance to the suffering. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, continuing his work of healing, hope, and reconciliation.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world: those near to us and far from us, those suffering and those rejoicing –until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer After Thanksgiving

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Hymn

Bless the Lord, My Soul(x2)

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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

Let's Sing Unto the Lord

UMH 149

1. Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of Love, at the new day's fresh beginning.
God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans;
and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.
[Refrain] Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!
2. Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
which shows our Love and faith and the hope of all creation.
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness,
And so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessings.

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*Wonderful Words of Life – Philip Bliss*

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