



**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.**

May 30, 2021 + Trinity Sunday + 10:00 AM

Bolded text - said in unison by all
* If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"Amazing Grace" - Arr; Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: **Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!**
Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

Leader: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

**People: O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,
for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

***Opening Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Opening Prayer

Leader: We praise you, Lord God, for creating the world in all its beauty and fertility; for redeeming us from the guilt and power of evil; for sending your Holy Spirit to encourage, sustain, and comfort us. We pray that through our worship here, the Triune God will instruct and equip us for service in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you.

People: Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen (Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: God forgives us through an unchanging, enduring love. Be assured that having received the Spirit, we can state with confidence: "We are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."

People: We are children of God. 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

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

Give Thanks

TFWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us"

CALLED TO THE WORD

*Psalter Reading

Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
**People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
Leader: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people!
People: May the LORD bless his people with peace.

Hymn of Illumination

I Love You, Lord

TFWS 2068

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound In your ear.

*Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Vidal Guzman

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

"Unity in Trinity"

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**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

UMH 569

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns up above
Has sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

***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

"Sunshine in My Soul" - Arr; Harold De Cou