



**LOVE FIRST.
SERVE FIRST.**

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



© Ling Chen | lingchen.art

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

June 13, 2021 + Third Sunday after Pentecost + 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

“God Will Take Care of You” – Stillman Martin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: What mysteries there are in God’s world!

People: We, so sophisticated, stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

Leader: We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen.

People: From that small seed will grow a large shrub.

Leader: Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

People: God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.

Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Holy One, you anoint us with living water, so we may go to serve the world in these troubled days. You open our eyes so we will see everyone as our sisters and brothers.

Seed Planter, you place faith deep within us, so we can bear witness to your just and loving kingdom. Your love regulates our hearts, so we can welcome all in your name.

Gentle Spirit, when we cannot see the way, you take us by the hand so we can step forward, in faith, into the kingdom. You fill us with hope, so we can sing God's joy all of our days. With grateful heart, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning

Leader: When death comes, we yearn for your grace and the healing you offer in the midst of our grief.

People: When tragedy strikes, we long for your mercy and the blessed assurance you offer in the midst of our suffering.

Leader: When trouble threatens, we look for your shelter and the confidence you offer amid our confusion and doubt.

People: Renew our trust in your resurrection and revive our hope in new beginnings. As Samuel before us, help us focus on life, listen to your voice, and follow where you lead. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: As we allow God to shape the desires of our hearts, we live and move in concert with God's plans. Rejoice that in Christ we have become a new creation and agents to bring forth the reign of God.

People: 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

Responsive Hymn

The Summons

TFWS 2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

CALLED TO THE WORD

*Psalter Reading

Psalm 20

Leader: The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

People: May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

Leader: May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah

People: May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

Leader: May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

**People: Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.**

Leader: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD
our God.

People: They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

All: Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

Hymn of Illumination

Sanctuary

TFWS 2164

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 16:6-13

David Winful

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Sermon

"In God's Realm"

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**

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons,
a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***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

"To God Be The Glory" – Arr; Don Hustad