



**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.**

June 6, 2021 + Second 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**

*"Only Trust Him" - John Stockton*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Who is my parent, and who are my brothers and sisters? Look around you and you will see them. They are not always the people you grew up with. They are the people who have joined the journey to learn more about God and the ways of God's people.

**People: They are the people who abandon houses and land, fame, and fortune - for the sake of the gospel.**

Leader: They are the people who pray through the night for the safety of someone else's child

or for the healing of someone else's loved one.

**People: They are the ones who offer a cup of water to people considered outcast. They do so in the name of Christ.**

Leader: Who are my brothers; who are my sisters; where is my family?

**People: Jesus said that: Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.**

Leader: Welcome to worship, family!

**All: We gather to worship the God who has made us kin!**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

Oh 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.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: God of wondrous love, you have touched us and never left us in despair. You have held us in our grief and chaos. You have never deserted us. You paid us a visit and your visit has never ended. You clung to us when we were given up for dead. In life and in death – you raise us anew. This we know! This we experience! This is your word of assurance! God of wondrous love, touch us again. Stay with us as we continue healing our memories and lives. In Christ' name we pray. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Almighty God, in our pride, we have forgotten your holiness and your due as creator of all that is; we have failed to care for your creation. By your grace and mercy, forgive us and correct us when we squander opportunities to care for Your creation. 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 forgiven."

**People: 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**

Dr. Leslie Lester

### **Responsive Hymn**

*Jesus, Name above All Names*

TFWS 2071

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

### **CALLED TO THE WORD**

#### **\*Psalter Reading**

#### **Psalm 138**

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**People: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**People: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

#### **Hymn of Illumination**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

TFWS 2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you led me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

#### **Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Michael Stewart

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

#### **\*Gospel Lesson**

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was

put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**Sermon**

**"Love, the Way"**

Rev. Myungim Kim

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 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.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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.

**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.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
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.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Thanksgiving** (in unison)

**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.**

### **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**

*Freely, Freely*

UMH 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name. I've been born again in Jesus' name,

And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

He said "Freely, freely you have received,; freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,

And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

He said "Freely, freely you have received,; freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

**\*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**

*"Stand Up For Jesus" - Arr; Robert J. Hughes*