

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 10:30 A.M. 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## HARVEST FESTIVAL/THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Ministers: *The Whole Congregation*      *Together We Can Make a Difference*

Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. At those places marked “*unison*” or printed in **bold** you are invited to join in reading aloud with the entire congregation

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE:

*Peter Kotiah*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Rev. Saroj Sangha*

CHORAL INTROIT: (Telugu)

*Lokamulo...Nee ..Prati Roopam Maanavali, Rudhi Papaharam,  
Paraloka Nivasa... Karuna Kara... Kavara...Naravathara Deva Kumara, A...A...men.*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Swetha Thomas*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Again I say, rejoice!

**People: Thank God for the homes that shelter us.**

**Rejoice in the Lord always.**

Leader: Again I say rejoice!

**People: Thank Christ for the food that nourishes us .**

**Rejoice in the Lord always.**

Leader: Again I say, rejoice!

**People: Thank Spirit for the blessings in our lives.**

**Rejoice in the Lord always.**

**ALL: Again I say, rejoice!**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

*UMH # 694*

### SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, fill our hearts with gratitude on this day of thanksgiving. You have brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey. You have blessed us with waters that well up to eternal life. Open our mouths to proclaim the bounty of your good land, for by your power alone do we prosper. Help us to live each day with true gratitude for your many blessings. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Let your requests be known to God, and Christ will guard our hearts and minds, and

The Spirit will give us the peace that passes all understanding.

**People: In the name of Christ, we are renewed and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (*See Insert*)



Minister: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His  
face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up  
His countenance and give you His everlasting peace.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**“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**

**Peter Kotiah**

**We welcome all our visitors, friends and online worshippers to our  
Worship Service, this morning.**

*November 24<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Day!  
We Wish you and your Family a very Happy Thanksgiving!*

**We express our thanks and appreciation to:**

*Mrs. Shakunthala George, sons, daughter’s-in-law and grandchildren for the beautiful Harvest  
Thanksgiving Decorations with fruit baskets & flowers at the Altar in loving memory of their father  
late Rev. A.T. George.*

*UMM President Mr. Praveen Anchula & UMW President Mrs. Glory Tadikonda &  
Members, for organizing the Harvest Sale.*

*Your Donation towards Christmas Decorations are welcome. Please get in touch with Praveen Anchula.  
(Christmas Decoration Coordinator).*

**Even if you are coming early, could you kindly leave the Upper Level parking for the elderly  
and handicapped. Rest of the members, please  
try and use the lower level parking. Thank you!!!**

### **2022 CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

The MFIUMC Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata called “JOY”. It is composed by Joel Raney, and will be performed on December 18, 2022, during the Worship Service, starting at 10:30 AM.

Choir practices during November will be on Sundays following the service, and in December they will be held on both Saturdays and Sundays.

**Please invite your family and friends to attend this special cantata service in person at MFIUMC,  
or witness it online.**

## *Litany of Thanksgiving*

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us:  
For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of  
Christ,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For your mercies, which are new every morning, for seed-time and harvest, for  
summer and winter, for our daily food and drink, our homes and families,  
and our friends,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in  
adversity,

**People: We Thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, justice, and peace,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and  
to all the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: To Christ be praise and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **“Thank you Jesus for the blood”**

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.  
I was lost, I was blind; I was running out of time.  
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide;  
But from the far side of the chasm,  
You held me in Your sight.

So You, made a way, across the great divide;  
Left behind Heaven's throne, to build it here inside.  
There at the cross, You paid the debt I owed:  
Broke my chains, freed my soul, for the first time I had hope.

Thank you Jesus for the blood applied;  
Thank you Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you Jesus, You have saved my life,  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light!

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin;  
You were buried for three days,  
But then You walked right out again.  
And now death, has no sting, and life has no end,  
For I have been transformed, by the blood of the Lamb!

Thank you Jesus for the blood applied;  
Thank you Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you Jesus, You have saved my life,  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light!

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power  
Of the blood, the blood.  
That calls us sons and daughters; we are ransomed by our Father,  
Through the blood, the blood.

Thank you Jesus for the blood applied;  
Thank you Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you Jesus, You have saved my life,  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light!

Glory to His name, Glory to His name!  
There to my heart was the blood applied, glory to His name!  
Glory to His name!

## SHEPARD'S TABLE

### Holiday Canned Goods "WISH LIST"

We would like to encourage the congregation to share their blessings with those who are in need during this holiday season. The Shepherd's Table is one of our Missions Project and they are collecting canned goods to provide meals for their guests.

This Donation drive will start from November 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. You will see boxes in the Narthex in which you can place your donations. Would like to thank Mr. Paul Hanreeder and the Family Ministry for taking up this Project..

Cream of mushroom soup  
Canned tomato products  
Green beans  
Cranbury sauce  
Yams in syrup  
Cornmeal

Mashed potato mix/flakes  
Potatoes  
Sweet Potatoes  
Butternut Squash  
Rice

Thank you, for your generosity and may God bless you all.

Rev. Saroj Sangha  
Pastor

### Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done

#### ***Refrain:***

Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings—money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Altar flowers are presented to the Honor and Glory of God!**

The first set of altar flowers are placed in celebration of Asher Tadikonda's birthday by his loving family.

**Please inform the Pastor or the Church Office if you are planning to host a Fellowship hour in the Parlor, so proper arrangements can be made.**

**Please remember to take home the altar flowers you placed in celebration or memory of your loved ones.**

**Please don't forget to place your donations to the Breast Cancer Awareness in the PINK Box that's kept in the Narthex next to the bulletins.**

**TODAY** – Following the Service, please join in the Parlor to take part in the **Thanksgiving Sale. Sunday, November 27, 2022** – Starts Advent Season. Please sign in the Caroling sheet if you want the carolers to visit your home. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Saturday, December 10, 2022** – Children's Christmas Play based on "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" followed by Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study has been postponed till January. Will let you know the start date.  
Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study is held via Zoom.  
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study is in the Church Parlor.

### **PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Mr. Sikander Henry, Mr. Scott Whittemore (Liz Roth's Cousin), Mr. T. Viswas Rao Jude, Mr. Sandeep Keshiah, Dr. Prabha Clarence, Mr. Moses Peram (Kalyani Bezwada's brother), Mr. Paul Jerome Kola, Mr. Anil Keshiah, Mrs. Pauline Robinson and her son Mr. Anthony Robinson, Mrs. Victoria Jaipal, Mrs. Stella Samuel, Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee, Mr. Raphael Neville Victor, Mr. Richard McMullen, Mrs. Esther Cornelius and Mrs. Asuntha Francis (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister).**

**CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME:** Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri.

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**Our Sunday attendance and Offering for November 06, 2022**

Attendance: Adults 78 Youth 18 Children 6 = 102 Tithes and Offering = \$4,945.00

### **Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist:** Swetha Thomas; **Readers:** Asher Tadikonda & Jerusha Tallapally; **Acolyte:** Ariel Polimati.

### **Communion Stewards**

*Silas Samson*

November 16, 2022

**Dear Members and Friends:**

We invite you and your family to celebrate the joy of Christmas with us at MFIUMC. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these events. Your presence is very much appreciated.

**Below is the list of CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

November 27, 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 a.m.
November 27, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 02, 2022	CAROLING at Hillhaven Nursing home	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
December 03, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 04, 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 a.m.
December 04, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 09, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:30 p.m.
December 10, 2022	CHRISTMAS PLAY & DINNER	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 11, 2002	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 a.m.
December 11, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 16, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:30 p.m.
December 17, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 18, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CANTATA	10:30 a.m.
December 18, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 24, 2022	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	7:30 p.m.
December 25, 2022	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10:30 a.m.
December 31, 2022	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	10:30 p.m.

Our God is an awesome God! Let us worship and adore Him for the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. We continue to live stream our Sunday Worship Services. May God's blessings be upon you and your family.

***We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!!!***

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Saroj Sangha

