

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 31, 2022 at 10:30 P.M. WATCH NIGHT 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 WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Peter Kotiah

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Saroj Sangha

CHORAL INTROIT: *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth.

Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Boddu

Leader: Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: Now sing to the Lord a new song!

Let your fingers play skillfully upon the strings-

People: **For the heavens are the work of God's fingers!**

The moon and the stars they hung in the sky!

ALL: **How majestic is the Lord in all the earth!**

How majestic is God's name!

**HYMN OF PRAISE *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

UMH #117

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)”*

UMH #881

**GLORIA PATRI *“Glory Be To The Father”*

UMH #70

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, who can make all things new, we humbly bring before you the record of our lives in the year now ending. When life has been good to us, do not let us take more of the credit than we deserve. Where we have been good to others, help us to forget all thoughts of honor and reward. Where we have fallen short, forgive us, and free us from brooding over what is past. Cleanse us by your mercy, guide us by your truth, fill us with your love, lead us forward in your all-conquering hope. Through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, Christ has clothed us with the garments of salvation. Christ has covered us with the robes of righteousness and garb of holy love. As children of the living God, adopted into Christ's family of faith, let us rejoice in our glorious inheritance.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

PRAYER RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)

UMH #570

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“O Holy Night”

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION(unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy, what you have to say to us tonight. Amen.

EPISTLE READING:

II Corinthians 5: 16-21

John Punith

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

** THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 3: 31-35

Ahan Brown

L: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“In Christ”

Rev. Saroj Sangha

MUSICAL SELECTION

Telugu Chancel Choir

THE HOLY MEAL AND SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

**COMMUNION HYMN *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* [lines 1 & 2]

UMH #618

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH Pages 13 & 14

Communion Hymns # 354 UMH

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

UMH #357

Telugu Lyric

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

UMH # 480

“O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice”

UMH # 391

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison):

Eternal God, having shared in your sacred covenant-renewing meal, let us now also share in your sacred work on earth. As we have received sustenance for our bodies, minds, and spirits, may we share our transformed selves with other persons and families in our local and global communities. Amen.

**Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

****While Organ Music is Softly played:**

CANDLES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND THE LIGHT FROM THE CHRIST CANDLE WILL BE SHARED WITH ONE ANOTHER.

SENDING FORTH

****HYMN**

“Because He Lives”

UMH #364

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

O Lord of time and new beginnings, help us to enter into the New Year as your people of old entered their promised land. Give us like them a sense of vocation; give us like them the promise of your presence. Prepare us for the duties, the trials, the joys, and sorrows that await us; and grant that each change the year brings with it may bring us nearer to thyself and to the eternal joy and rest that await the faithful in thy blessed and glorious presence. Disperse the darkness of our lives, that we might behold the light of your love shining in every corner of our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE EXTINGWISH YOUR CANDLES

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: Follow the kings of old in search of God’s Son.

People: We go with the promise of new life in Christ.

Minister: Follow the magi in search of meaning and purpose

ALL: We go with the promise of new life in Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

***Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.***

POSTLUDE

Peter Kotiah

We thank everyone who donated generously towards the Christmas decorations and Carol Singing.

Welcome Visitors and Guests. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. We trust you will experience the presence of God in our worship. And may His presence go with you everywhere!

Wishing you a Blessed & Prosperous New Year !!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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. Sandeep Keshiah, Mr. John Punith, Mr. Scott Whittemore (Liz Roth's cousin), **Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude, 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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Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, www.mfiumc.org

Our attendance and Offering for December 24th & 25th, 2022

Tithes and Offering = \$483.00 & \$9,828.00 = \$10,311.00

Attendance: Adults 168 Youth 15 Children 10 = 193

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Robert Boddu; **Readers:** John Punith & Ahan Brown;

Communion Steward

Silas Samson

“O HOLY NIGHT”

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
’Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend;

He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King, before Him bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall He break, for the Slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name!

Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever!
His power and glory, evermore proclaim!
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