

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

JANUARY 15, 2023 10:30 A.M. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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. Samuel Honnappa*

**CHORAL INTROIT:** (Telugu)

*Lokamulo...Nee ..Prati Roopam Maanavali, Rudhi Papaharam,*

*Paraloka Nivasa... Karuna Kara... Kavara...Naravathara Deva Kumara, A...A...men.*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Deepak Valaparla*

Leader: Jesus says, “Now is the time!”

**People: Startle us, God, from our busyness and routines.  
Show us how very close your Kingdom is.**

Leader: Jesus says, “God’s Kingdom is at hand!”

**People: Deliver us, God, from faith in our own strength.  
Free us from the traps of violence, dishonesty, and greed.**

Leader: Jesus says, “Receive the good news from God!”

**ALL: Embolden us, God, to trust you anew.  
For we are as fragile as breath, and draw our strength  
from your mercy and compassion.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**                      *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*UMH #140*

**\*\*RESPONSIVE READING**            *The Apostles’ Creed*

*UMH # 881*

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI**                      *“Glory be to the Father”*

*UMH # 70*

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God alone offers strength and hope. Let us welcome God’s kingdom, making it our refuge. Pour out your hearts, trusting God with everything, even your failings and your deepest concerns. God, we know that you alone are unshakable. You alone are our stronghold and our refuge. You deliver and glorify us, yet we fail to love and glorify you in return. We live as if we can save ourselves, as if we can be our own stronghold and fortress against the storm. Yet we are fragile as breath. We are consumed by our desires to succeed and dominate. We blindly strive to get our way, and are greedy for all sorts of wealth. And so, we confess our failings to you and to one another, trusting in your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

**WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

Minister: Hear the good news, “Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that is the proof of God’s love towards us”. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Pastor*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Children may go to their Sunday School classes*

**SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION**

**ANTHEM**

*“Let us offer to the Father”*

*Chancel choir*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 24: 14-18**

*Nishitha Kola*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**\*\*THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 16: 10-13**

*Swarna Bandari*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE:**

*“Service to The Lord”*

*Rev. Samuel Honnappa*

**PRAYER**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Telugu Chancel Choir*

**THE HOLY MEAL & SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING .....**

*UMH Pages 13 & 14*

**Communion Music:**

*Just as I am, Without One Plea*

*UMH #357*

*Telugu Song*

*Spirit Song*

*UMH #347*

*Please bring your Offerings when you Come to the Lord’s Table in a SINGLE FILE & place them in the plates.*

*The two bowls are for your Communion Offering, which will be used to help assist the people in need.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)**

**Eternal God, having shared in your sacred covenant 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.**

**\*\*The Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

*UMH #95*

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN**                    **“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

*UMH #577*

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister:    Go forth and share the good news from God.

**People:**        **God rewards us and our good deeds,  
not with doom, but with mercy.  
In circumstances both difficult and joyful,  
God remains our place of safety.**

Minister:    Now is the time to be the good news.

**ALL:**        **We go forth to tell the world the good news  
of the strength and mercy of our God. 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*

**Welcome Visitors, online members and friends. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. We trust you will experience the presence of God in our worship. May God’s blessings be with you always!**

**SHEPHERD’S TABLE**

We will be serving at Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring on Sunday January 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed! Please Register in advance, at <https://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com>. Registration is mandatory. If any problems, please contact Mindy Hofmann at 301-585-6463 ext. 217. Please confirm registration to Paul Hanreeder at 301-460-1761 or at church. New MFIUMC Team T-shirts are available for volunteers. Face masks should also be worn.

**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!!!**

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to **Rev. Samuel Honnappa**, for bringing God's message to us today.

We extend our Christian sympathy and prayers to Dr. and Mrs. Sudhaker Babu who's younger sister (Deepthi Neelam's aunt), **Mrs. Shanti Prasad Teegala** went to be with the Lord on January 07, 2023, in India. Please keep the bereaved family in your prayers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Sunday, January 22 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany.**

Wednesday Bible Study will start from January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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.

Please keep the bereaved family of **Mrs. Vijaya Sikander Henry** in your prayers.

### PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**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.

### **Memorial First India United Methodist Church**

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### *Our attendance for January 8, 2023*

Attendance: Adults 76 Youth 9 Children 8 = 93 Tithes and Offering = \$4,536.00

### *Worship Leaders*

**Liturgist:** Deepak Valaparla; **Readers:** Nishitha Kola & Swarna Bandari;

**Acolyte:** Aarav Valaparla

### *Communion Steward*

Ebenezer Samuel

## **“Let us offer to the Father”**

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

As the growing wheat will ripen, let us show to all the world;

We can grow and ripen also, in the living of the Word.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

Let the poor and heavy laden, gather at the Savior’s sign;  
Where their grief will turn to gladness, as the grapes are pressed to wine.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

All Your people here together, bring You offerings of love;

Joining with Your whole creation, seeking liberty and peace.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

Glory be to God, the Father, and to Christ, the living Son;

Who together with the Spirit, make the holy Three-in-One.

Let us offer to the Father, with the bread and with the wine,  
All our joys and all our sorrows; all our cares, Lord, all are Thine.

Fill our cups, Lord, we....are....Thine.

