

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

JANUARY 22, 2023 10:30A.M. THIRD 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 WORSHIP OF THE GOD

**PRELUDE:**

*Peter Kotiah*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Mrs. Vijaya Henry*

**CHORAL INTROIT: (Telugu)**

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

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Nathan Samson*

Leader: Jesus says, “Now is the time!”  
**People: Startle us, O Lord, from our busyness and routines.**  
Leader: Jesus says, “God’s kingdom is at hand!”  
**People: Deliver us, O Lord, from faith in our own strength.**  
Leader: Jesus says, “Receive the good news from God!”  
**ALL: Embolden us, O Lord, to trust you anew.  
For we are fragile as breath, and draw our strength  
from your mercy and compassion. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*UMH #77*

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God of fear and trembling, your pillar of fire and column of smoke terrified your people of old. When you come to lead us in power and might, we are no less afraid today. Give us courage and strength, O God, to abide in your presence. Lest we shrink from your glory in fear and trembling, send us prophets to teach us your ways. For we long to hear your words and heed the lessons they teach. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Minister: Beloved, God repays us according to our deeds, and yet in Jesus Christ, we have nothing to fear. Trusting God with everything, we rest in God’s faithful love. allowing Christ to change

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

CHILDREN MAY GO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Mrs. Cynthia Katta*

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

**“Make me a servant”**

*Chancel Choir*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Isaiah 9: 1-6**

*Jadon Tallapally*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**\*\*THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4: 12-17**

*Smriti Thomas*

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

**“A Light Shining in the Darkness”**

*Mrs. Vijaya Henry, CLM*

PRAYER

SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

MUSICAL SELECTION

*(Telugu) Chancel Choir*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*\*The Doxology #95 UMH “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING FORTH

**\*\*HYMN**

**“Have Thine Own way, Lord”**

*UMH #382*

**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

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

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

Minister: Go forth and proclaim God’s kingdom.

People: **The world as we know it is passing away.  
We belong to God’s kingdom, which is coming and now is.**

Minister: Now is the time to be good news.

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

All: Amen.

**\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**“Spirit Song”**

**UMH #347**

*O let the Son of God enfold you with his  
Spirit and his love . Let him fill your heart and  
Satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that  
hold you, and his spirit like a dove will descend  
upon your life and make you whole.*

*Jesus, O Jesus,  
Come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
Come and fill your lambs*

**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!!!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Sunday, January 29 – is 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany.**

**Sunday, January 29 – Installation Service for the New Officers of 2023.**

**Saturday, February 04 – 2023 First AD Council Meeting.**

Wednesday Bible Study will resume 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.

### 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**

9226 Colesville Road - Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, [www.mfiumc.org](http://www.mfiumc.org)

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

Attendance: Adults 81 Youth 18 Children 5 = 104 Tithes and Offering = \$6,075.00

#### *Worship Leaders*

**Liturgist:** Nathan Samson; **Readers:** Jaydon Tallapally & Smriti Thomas;

**Acolyte:** Daniel Charles

## *Prayers of the Faithful*

**Leader:** Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human families of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth and Esther. We pray for your human family everywhere; that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

**People:** **Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

**Leader:** We pray for the healing of the sick and suffering in body or in mind, in danger or distress, or who suffer a loss. May your healing touch of love and comfort be given to them. We pray for the hungry and the thirsty; and for the homeless and ill-clad people of the world, the street kids and the deprived children of alcoholics and gambling addicts. Strengthen the ministry of all agencies, who provide for their needs and bring comfort, restoration and strength. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Open our eyes, that we might behold your glory, discern your will for us, and heed your summons to go and serve all people in Your name.**

**Leader:** We pray for all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of governing our land. Pray for the new administration, and for all those in authority that they may have wisdom to meet demands of our time. Grant them the courage to lead and guide us as people with confidence in our freedom that we may live without fear or prejudice. Enable these leaders to make wise decisions, and live a God-pleasing lives. May they be examples of integrity, honor, and honesty. Give all self-centered leaders a repentant heart. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Give us leaders and deliverers, and grant us the wisdom to follow them. Grant us the spirit of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.**

**Leader:** We offer you our grateful thanks for blessing our families, children young and old. Grant us wisdom and love to serve each other. Bless the special days as we celebrate them to your praise and glory. May your presence and love fill their hearts and homes that they may enjoy many happy years of life pleasing you.

Bless our church family that we may grow in your wisdom and understanding to love and cherish each other and be faithful in your Ministry. Bless the leadership of our church that with renewed faith serve Your people. Come to us and shine in our lives, that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love in our daily life.

Now let us pray the prayer our Lord has taught us...

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come...**

## **“Make me a servant”**

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

We need a faith so color blind,  
So free from time-worn lies;  
That when we look from face to face,  
We see the eyes of God.

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

We need to act, as well as speak,  
To see each other's sweat;  
That as we labor side by side,  
We do the work of God.

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Come Christians, look for character,  
And not for shade of skin;  
That as we rend the walls of race,  
We live the peace of God.

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

