

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

JANUARY 29, 2023 10:30 A.M. 4th 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 GOD

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**

Himabindu Kalluri

Leader: Come, let us walk in God’s ways.

People: Let us listen for God’s word.

Leader: We will dwell here in God’s tent.

People: We will sing God’s praises.

Leader: What does God require of us?

People: God wants justice.

Leader: What else does God want?

People: God wants faithful love.

Leader: Anything else?

ALL: God wants us to walk humbly with God. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH #64

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by the struggles of life. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, but find ourselves feeling empty. We grieve in seasons of loss, feeling hopeless and lost. We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments. We want to make peace, but we don’t even know where to begin. Come with your wisdom and guide us in your ways. Renew us and inspire us to live faithfully, as you walk beside us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Jesus speaks words of blessing to those who struggle, offering joy and gladness each and every day.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN MAY GO TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

PRAYER RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“Come and find the quiet center”

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Micah 6: 6-8**

Ezekiel Kola

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Akanksha Somaram

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE:

“What does the Lord require of you?”

Rev. Saroj Sangha

SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND TITHES

MUSICAL SELECTION

(Telugu) Chancel Choir

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

UMH #95

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING FORTH

****HYMN**

“Are Ye Able”

UMH #530

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: No matter where life takes you, God is with you.
Go from this place filled with joy, trusting the blessings
promised by our God, the bestower of faithful love

**People: We go in the power of God's love
to be ambassadors of Christ love and peace.**

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His
face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up
His countenance and give you His everlasting peace.

ALL: Amen

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *“Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me”*

*Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me...
All His wondrous compassion and purity....
O Thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me!*

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

TODAY we will be serving at Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring on Sunday January 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed! **You can still register,** 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!!!**

2023 EASTER CANTATA

The MFIUMC Choir will be presenting an Easter Cantata called “**THE LAMB**”.
It is composed by Jay Rouse & Rose Aspinall.
Practices will be starting shortly. Please consider this prayerfully and for those of you who are interested, see the Choir Director, Peter Kotiah after the Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY – Following the Service both **United Methodist Men** and **The Worship Committee** will meet.

Saturday, February 4th –**Administrative Council Meeting** will be at 10:00 a.m.
in the Parlor.

Sunday, February 5th – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany and Communion Sunday.
Installation of the New Officers of 2023 will be held during the Worship Service.

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. Mr. Scott Whittemore

(Liz Roth's cousin), **Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude, Mr. Moses Peram** (Kalyani Bezwada's
brother), **Mr. Paul Jerome Kola, Mr. Anil Keshiah, Mrs. Pauline 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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Pastor, Rev. Saroj Sangha at 301-879-0374 or Church at 301-585-8015

Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, www.mfiumc.org

Our attendance for January 22, 2023

Attendance: Adults 81 Youth 10 Children 07 = 98 Tithes and Offering = \$3,257.00

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Himabindu Kalluri; **Readers:** Ezekiel Kola & Akanksha Somaram;

Acolyte: Jadon Tallapally

“Come and find the quiet center”

Come and find the quiet center, in the crowded life we lead;
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see;
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,
Alleluia, holy Lord!

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
Knows our being, touches base:
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun;
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
Finding scope for faith begun.

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with Your peace,
Alleluia, holy Lord!

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain;
Let our loves and fears unravel,
Celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care;
In the Spirit's lively scheming,
There is always room to spare!

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You alone, O Lord, are holy.
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Alleluia, holy Lord!

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