

Memorial First India United Methodist Church
FEBRUARY 5, 2023 10:30A.M. 5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
INSTALLATION 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Saroj Sangha

CHORAL INTROIT:

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the
presence of the Lord is in this place.*

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praveen Anchula

Leader: God calls us to use our gifts
for the building of God's kingdom.

People: But we are afraid.

Leader: Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

People: But our gifts seem so small.

Leader: The Spirit offers us everything we need.

People: But what if we fail?

Leader: Trust the gifts you have been given.

ALL: We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day. Amen.

**** HYMN OF PRAISE** “*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*” *UMH #66*

**** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “*The Apostle's Creed, Traditional Version*” *UMH #881*

**** GLORIA PATRI** “*Glory Be To The Father*” *UMH #70*

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Faithful Steward, you bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own. We long to use the talents you bestow upon us to build your kingdom. We yearn to live with gratitude for all that you have done for us and the opportunities you place before us. Clear our vision, Holy One, and help us to see the good we can do with the gifts and talents we have received. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Rejoice, sisters and brothers, for our gifts and talents. Hear these words of assurance: “Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

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

CHILDREN MAY GO TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE LEADERS (See Insert)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“My life flows on”

Chancel Choir

EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Suneethy Durgam

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

****THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 24-30**

Ebenezer Samuel

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE:

“Talents and commitment”

Rev. Saroj Sangha

MUSICAL SELECTION

Telugu Chancel Choir

THE HOLY MEAL AND SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH Pages 13 &14

Communion Music “There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood”

UMH #622

(When you Come to the Lord’s Table bring your Offerings & place them in the basket)

The two bowls are for your Communion Offering, which will be used to help the needy

As we participate in the Sacrament, please join in singing the following Hymn:

Communion Hymns

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH #393

Telugu Hymn

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

UMH #397

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.

SENDING FORTH

**** HYMN**

“Jesus Call Us”

UMH #398

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: God sends us to serve.

People: Here I am, ready to serve!

Minister: God sends us to love.

People: Here I am, ready to love!

Minister: God sends us to bless the world.

People: Here I am, ready to bless the world!

Minister: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each one of us.

All: Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE:(Telugu) “Seven Fold Amen”**

Yehova ninnu aashirwadinchi kaa-paadugaaka.

Yehovah thana sannidhi prakashimpa jesi.

Ninnu karuninchugaaka – ninnu karuninchugaaka.

Yehovah nee meeda, thana saniidhi-kanthi nudayimpa jesi.

Neeku samadhanamu kalugajeyu gaaka.

Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen...

POSTLUDE

Peter Kotiah

First Death Anniversary

The Samson Family would like to invite all of you to join in the First death Anniversary of Late Mr. Noble Samson on Saturday, February 25th at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall of Memorial First India United Methodist Church.

EASTER CANTATA

The MFIUMC Choir will be presenting an Easter Cantata called **“THE LAMB”**. It is composed by Jay Rouse and Rose Aspinall, and will be performed on April 2, 2023, during the Palm Sunday Worship Service, starting at 10:30 AM.

Choir practices during February (starting today) will be held on Sundays after the church service, and during March on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning at 1:30 PM.

Please contact the Choir Director, Peter Kotiah, after the service today if you would like to participate in the choir.

A SERVICE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LEADERS OF THE CHURCH

Minister: Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in this church. The ministry is a blessing and a serious Responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation, and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make Him known in your witness and in your work.

Minister: I present these persons to be recognized as Chairpersons and Stewards in this church. Do you this day acknowledge yourself a **faithful disciple of Jesus Christ**?

Leaders: I do.

Minister: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

Leaders: I will.

Minister: Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

Leaders: I will.

Minister: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

Leaders: I will. We have heard God's call to serve and have responded to that call. We serve trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us, through gifts sufficient for the task. We serve relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We serve inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives. We serve, depending on this congregation to uphold us in these tasks.

Minister: (To the Congregation): Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyard. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in their responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel and your prayers?

Congregation: We will do so, with God's help.

Minister: Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord who did not think first of himself, but gave Himself for us all. Let them share His ministry and Consecration, that they may enter into His joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“My life flows on”

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn, that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord, forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord!

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord, forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord!

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord, forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord!

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine, since I am His! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord, forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord!
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The two sets of altar flowers are placed in celebration of **Mrs. Stella Samuels** 90th birthday by her children, Samuels, Puniths, grandchildren, Rev. Chandra & Betsy Soans, and grandchildren.

Wednesday Bible Study 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.

TODAY: Feb. 5th – Following the Worship Service, boxed lunch will be given to the congregation in celebration of Mrs. Stella Samuels 90th birthday by her loving family.

Following the Worship Service, Dr. Mithra and family invite the congregation to join them in celebrating his birthday with cake and cookies.

Sunday, Feb. 12th – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Committee will meet following the Worship Service.

Sunday, February 19th – SPRC meets following the Worship Service.

Sunday, February 26th – Membership and UMW will meet following the Worship Service

Sunday, March 19th 12:30 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gerald Green, Dist. Superintendent of Greater Washington Conference will address the congregation on various issues concerning the future of the Church. All are requested to attend the meeting.

Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service at Church.

Fridays, starting February, 24th at 7:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study will be held in the Sanctuary followed by potluck dinner. We will be following the book called, **SIMON PETER (Flawed but faithful disciple), by Adam Hamilton. Please join us prayerfully.**

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

Our attendance for January 29, 2023

Attendance: Adults 60 Youth 5 Children 19 = Tithes and Offering = \$3,593.00

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Praveen Anchula; Readers: Suneethy Durgam & Ebenezer Samuel;

Acolyte: Akanksha Somaram

Communion Steward

Diane Smith-Brown

