

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 10:30 A.M. 6th SUNDAY AFTER THE 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 & 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

Liz Roth

Leader: Just as God loves us, we are to love others.

People: They will know we are Christians by our love.

Leader: Just as Christ cares for us, we are to care for others.

People: They will know we are Christians by our love.

Leader: Just as the Spirit blesses us, we are to bless others.

ALL: They will know we are Christians by our love. Amen

** HYMN OF PRAISE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH #384

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Source of love, you call us to love one another as Christ has loved us, but that can be a difficult thing. You promise us joy if we give ourselves to love, yet we cling to hurts that rob us of the offered gift. You invite us to sing a new song and set our hearts free from the chains that bind us, yet we cleave to familiar paths and old, familiar ways. Heal us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us once more, that our lips may sing your praise and our hearts may leap with joy. Help us live as children of your love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: The one who establishes justice throughout the world, the One who loves us as a father loves his children, the One who tends us as a mother tends her young, draws us into the embrace of unconditional love. Everyone who believes in the child of the Holy One is born of God. In Christ, we are made well.

People: In Christ we are made well. Glory to God. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

PRAYER RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Children may go to their Sunday School classes

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“I cannot tell”

Chancel Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: **1 John 4: 7-12**

Pavan Bezwada

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

** THE GOSPEL READING: **John 13: 31-35**

Dr. Prabha Clarence

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE:
PRAYER

“Understanding God’s love”

Rev. Saroj Sangha

SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL SELECTION

Telugu Chancel Choir

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

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING FORTH

**HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu”

UMH #432

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Minister: Walk in God’s grace.

People: We will bring the gospel to the world.

Minister: Love with Christ’s mercy.

People: We will share the good news with our neighbors.

Minister: Bask in the Spirit’s blessings.

People: We will walk the sacred path each and every day.

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

Wedding Announcement

Please keep **Abhinay Marapaka** and **Stephanie Hsu** in your prayers as they get ready to be married on a February 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm in at MFIUMC.

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 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.

Memorial Service

Mrs. Vijaya Henry and family would like to invite you to join in the Memorial Service for Late Mr. Sikander Medapally Henry on February 18, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at 6:00 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Simon Peter, (Flawed but faithful disciple)

by Adam Hamilton

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

February 24	7:00 pm	Introduction and the call of Fisherman	Rev. Saroj Sangha
March 03	7:00 pm	Walking with Jesus in the Storms	Women’s Group
March 10	7:00 pm	Bedrock or Stumbling Block?	Men’s Group
March 17	7:00 pm	“I’ll Not Deny You”	Young Adult Group
March 24	7:00 pm	From Cowardice to Courage	Youth Group
March 31	7:00 pm	The Rest of the Story	Children’s Group

The Epilogue: The Silent Years, Rev. Saroj Sangha

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

One arrangement of altar flowers are placed in celebration of **Ethan Charles'** 11th birthday by his loving family.

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. 12th – Following the Worship Service, members are requested to stay back in the Sanctuary to discuss the issues concerning the future of our church.

**Sunday, Feb. 19th – Transfiguration Sunday. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
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 following the Worship Service on issues concerning the future of the Church. All are requested to stay back and attend the meeting.

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

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Please take time to pray for the victims of the earth quake in Turkey and Syria.

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 February 5, 2023

Attendance: Adults 72 Youth 11 Children 6 = 89 Tithes and Offering = \$8,934.00

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Liz Roth; Readers: Pavan Bezwada & Dr. Prabha Clarence;

Acolyte: Preston Anchula

“I cannot tell”

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should come in flesh, as prophets long foretold;
Or why the Shepherd longs to save the wanderers,
And bring them back, rejoicing to the fold.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home;
And that He lived at Nazareth, and labored,
And so the promised Savior of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace, He graced this place of tears;
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain, to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear;
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For still the suffering Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage;
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown;
And some glad day, His sun will shine in splendor,
When He, the risen Savior of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled;
Or who can say how great the jubilation,
When all our hearts with love for Him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And countless voices then will join to sing;
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
“At last the living Savior of the world, is King!”

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