

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 10:30 A.M. TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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: (Telugu)

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

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Johanna Jagga**

Leader: Come, praise the Lord our God,  
and worship at God’s mountain.

People: **For the Lord our God is holy,  
full of compassion and grace.**

Leader: When God’s prophets cried out, God answered them,  
speaking in a pillar of cloud.

People: **Let all God’s people sing praises  
to God’s great and awesome name.**

Leader: Mighty God, lover of justices,  
you established equity throughout the earth.

ALL: **Let us worship God from the mountaintops.  
Let us praise God’s holy name. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*      *UMH #173*

**\*\*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)

Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory in the work of your church, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Jesus Christ. Yet our memories are short, and we complain if we no longer feel your presence among us. Forgive us when we descend from life’s mountaintops and turn our minds from the knowledge of how you have loved us. Pardon us when we neglect to seek you in the faces of lonely and suffering neighbors. Open our eyes and our ears, Lord. Teach us to seek you always, and to listen to the call of your call.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Minister: The light of God’s grace shines upon us and through us. Knowing us completely, God accepts and loves us still. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Pastor*

**PRAYER RESPONSE  
PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Children may go to their Sunday School Classes*

**SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION**

**ANTHEM**

*“Honor and praise”*

*Chancel Choir*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING : Exodus 24: 15-18**

**Aatish Valaparla**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17: 1-9**

**Pranay Medapally**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE:**

*“Get up and do not be afraid”*

*Rev. Saroj Sangha*

**THE HOLY MEAL AND SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Telugu Chancel Choir*

**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 please 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**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**UMH #618**

*Telugu Hymn*

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**UMH #526**

**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.**

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

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*\*HYMN**

***"O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go"***

**UMH #480**

**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: Hear the voice of God calling your name.

**People: We will follow where God leads us.**

Minister: Hear the voice of Christ claiming you as his own.

**People: We will live as brothers and sisters in faith.**

Minister: Hear the voice of Spirit sending you forth.

**People: We will go where the Spirit sends us.**

Minister: Go forth, called, named, and claimed by God.

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 "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!***

**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.**

## Lenten and Easter Services

February 19, 2023

The following is the program listing for Lenten and Easter Services:

### Ash Wednesday Service, February 22:

7:30 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes on the forehead to invite each one into the observance of Lenten Discipline.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

We will meet in the Parlor for the Lenten Bible Study on every Friday from February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> to study the book called, Simon Peter, (Flawed but faithful disciple), by Adam Hamilton, which will be followed by Potluck dinner.

### Palm Sunday, April 02:

10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday procession starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. “**The Lamb**”, an Easter Cantata will be performed by the Choir during the Service.

### Maundy Thursday, April 06:

7:30 p.m. - Worship Service followed by Holy Communion, commemorating the Supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion.

### Good Friday, April 07:

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. - A service of Meditation on the Seven Words of Christ from the cross.

### Easter Sunday, April 09:

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service. We gather to Worship and proclaim:  
**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!**

The congregation is requested to bring **fresh flowers** (bought or from your garden) to **decorate the Cross, signifying New Life in Christ**, during the Easter Worship Service.

Following the Service, we gather downstairs in the Ernst Fellowship Hall for a Potluck breakfast. Children will have their **Easter Egg Hunt**.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

**Grace and Peace,**

**Rev. Saroj Sangha**  
**Pastor, MFIUMC**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

One arrangement of altar flowers are placed in celebration of **Tanya Samuel's** birthday by her 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, Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – SPRC meets following the Worship Service.**

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service at Church.**

**Saturday, February 25, 2023, Fasting & Prayer will be held from 9:00-1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Specially praying for the future of the church.**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Membership, UMW and UMM will meet following the Worship Service.**

**Sunday, February, 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 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.**

### **PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

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

**Mrs. Stella Samuel, 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, 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](http://www.mfiumc.org)*

### **Our Sunday attendance for February, 12, 2023**

Attendance: Adults 78 Youth 14 Children 05 = 97 Tithes and Offering = \$4,939.00

### **Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist:** Johanna Jagga; **Readers:** Old Testament, Aatish Valaparla; New Testament, Pranay Medapally; **Acolyte:** Ariel Polimati; **Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Sudhaker Bazawada; **Ushers:** Mr. & Mrs. Jaya Kumar Durgam

## **“Honor and praise”**

Righteous and holy in all of Your ways;  
We come before You with honor and praise.  
Here to adore You for all of our days,  
We come before You with honor and praise.  
Lord of the heavens, how faithful You are;  
Shine down upon us, O Bright Morning Star.  
Righteous and holy in all of Your ways,  
We come before You with honor and praise.

Christ upon the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing,  
Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise Him.  
Trembling at His feet we saw, Moses and Elijah speaking,  
All the prophets and the law, shout through them their joyful greeting.

Filling the temple, the work of Your grace;  
We come before You with honor and praise.  
Here to adore You for all of our days,  
We come before You with honor and praise.  
Lord of the heavens, how faithful You are;  
Rise in our spirits, O Bright Morning Star.  
Righteous and holy in all of Your ways,  
We come before You with honor and praise.

Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son, by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder.  
This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before Him,  
First and last, and only One, let creation now adore Him.

Righteous and holy in all of Your ways;  
We come before You with honor and praise.  
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We come before You with honor and praise.  
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