

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 10:30 A.M. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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**

*Ashish Henry*

Leader: When disasters strike, where can we go?

**People: God is always there.**

Leader: When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

**People: Christ is always with us.**

Leader: When life is hard, who can ease the load?

**People The Spirit is always there to sustain us.**

**ALL: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”*

*UMH #175*

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Christ’s faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In Christ’s name, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Minister: All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Trust the promises of god. Believe in Christ Jesus with your whole heart. Confess what the Spirit has done for you and you will abide in life everlasting.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC  
JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYER RESPONSE  
PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Sunday School Children  
Pastor*

*Children may go to their Sunday School Classes*

**SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION**

**ANTHEM**

*“There is Peace in Christ”*

*English Chancel Choir*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING :** Psalm 51: 1-6

*Noel Polimati*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:** Galatians 6: 7-10

*Ethan Charles*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE:**

*“David “a man after God’s own heart””*

*Rev. Saroj Sangha*

**SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Telugu Chancel Choir*

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

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*\*HYMN**

*“Trust and Obey”*

*UMH #467*

**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: As you leave this place, abide in the shadow of the Most High.

**People: God is our refuge and our strength.**

Minister: As you wander through the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One.

**People: Christ is our shelter in times of temptation and fear.**

Minister: As you face times of trial, call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

**People: The Comforter leads us safely through..**

Minister: Go with God’s blessing.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE    “Let there be Peace on Earth”**

*Let there be Peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be Peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God our creator, children all are we.*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now:*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally*

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with 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.**

**Memorial First India United Methodist Church**

**9226 Colesville Road - Silver Spring, MD 20910**

**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](http://www.mfiumc.org)**

**Our Sunday attendance for February, 19, 2023**

Attendance: Adults 86 Youth 16 Children 11 = 115 Tithes and Offering = \$4,675.00

**Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist:** Ashish Henry; **Readers:**

**Old Testament,** Noel Polimati; **Epistle Reading,** Ethan Charles;

**Acolyte:** Akanksha Somaram;

**Greeters:** Sujay Polimati; Asmitha Polimati;

**Ushers:** Flora Tallapally; Merlyn Jagga

## **Lenten and Easter Services**

The following is the program listing for Lenten and Easter Services: Those who wish to join via Zoom are welcome to join. However, you will not be able to take part in the live discussions.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES**

We will meet in the Parlor for the Lenten Bible Study on every Friday at 7:30 pm from March 3rd– 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. The Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

### **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. **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 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 set of altar flowers is placed posthumously in celebration of the birthday of Urmila Jude (**February 27<sup>th</sup>**) wife of Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude.

Presented by husband, children and family.

May Her Soul Rest in Peace for eternity.

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**

**Membership, UMW and UMM will meet following the Worship Service.**

**2:00 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Gerald Green, District 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 earthquake in Turkey and Syria.**

**Mrs. Glory Tadikonda, our church secretary**

**Mr. Paul Hanreeder**

**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.**

## **Anthem**

There is peace in Christ, when we learn of Him  
Feel the love He felt for us, when he bore our sins.  
Listen to His words, let them come alive,  
If we know Him as He is, there is peace in Christ!

He gives us hope, when hope is gone,  
He gives us strength, when we can't go on;  
He gives us shelter, in the storms of life,  
When there's no peace on earth, there is peace in Christ!

There is peace in Christ, when we walk with Him,  
Through the streets of Galilee, to Jerusalem.  
Mend the broken hearts, dry the tear-filled eyes,  
When we live the way He lived, there is peace in Christ!

He gives us hope, when hope is gone,  
He gives us strength, when we can't go on;  
He gives us shelter, in the storms of life,  
When there's no peace on earth, there is peace in Christ!

There is peace in Christ, when we talk with Him,  
Hear His still, small whispering, guiding voice within.  
When we pray aloud, or just in our minds,  
When He answers all our prayers, there is peace in Christ!

He gives us hope, when hope is gone,  
He gives us strength, when we can't go on;  
He gives us shelter, in the storms of life,  
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