

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

MARCH 5, 2023 10:30 A.M. SECOND 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 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**

John Punith

Leader: God calls with a blessing.

People: Our help is in God.

Leader: God calls with a promise.

People: Our help is in God.

Leader: God calls through our questions.

People: Our help is in God.

Leader: God calls through the Spirit.

ALL: Our help is in God. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH #117

**** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version”**

UMH #881

**** GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be To The Father”

UMH #70

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Faithful One, you know our fears and our doubts. You know our hopes and our dreams. You know our blessings and our curses. Hold us closely with your love. Breathe into our lives with your mercy. For we yearn for the courage to accept your grace and love. We long to know your presence and trust your grace. In faith and hope, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: God will keep you from all evil and will bless you with renewal and grace.
God will hold your life and lift you up, both now and forever.

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

“Go to dark Gethsemane”

English Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING : **Genesis 12: 1-6**

Lily Cornelius

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING: **John 1: 43-49**

Jessie Charles

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

“God’s Call”

Rev. Saroj Sangha

THE HOLY MEAL AND SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

MUSICAL SELECTION

Telugu Chancel Choir

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH Pages 13 and 14

Communion Music

“There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood”

UMH #622

*(When you Come to the Lord’s Table, please bring your Offerings and 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 Hymns*

Communion Hymns

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH #618

“Telugu Hymn”

“Lord I want to be a Christian”

UMH #402

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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH #467

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Minister: As we have been helped,
People: **God sends us to help God’s world.**
Minister: As we have been restored,
People: **Christ sends us to restore others with love.**
Minister: As we have received the Spirit,
People: **the Spirit sends us to share our spirits
with kindness and compassion for all.**
ALL: **Amen.**

** BENECTION 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!

**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**

Our Sunday attendance for FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Attendance: Adults 76 Youth 14 Children 08 = 98 Tithes and Offering = \$6,802.00

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: John Punith; **Readers:** Old Testament, Lily Cornelius; **Gospel,** Jessie Charles;
Acolyte: Johanna Jagga; **Greeters:** Hemanth Samson; Sumanth Durgam;
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Suneethy and Jayakumar Durgam

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 and online by Zoom for the Lenten Bible Study on every Friday at 7:30 pm from March 3rd – March 31st 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 presented in honor of

John and Liz Roth's 49th Wedding Anniversary on March 9th

One set of altar flowers is presented in memory of *Anil Somaram Keshiah*
by his wife, children, grandchildren and family member.

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

United Methodist Women will meet following the Worship Service.

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, **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.

Celebration of Life Service for Anil Somaram Keshiah,

Sunday, March 5, 2023 4-7 PM: Viewing - Donald V Borgwardt Funeral Home,
4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Monday, March 6, 2023 Memorial First India United Methodist Church;
Viewing 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM; Service 10:30AM - 11:30 AM; Burial 1:00 PM at
George Washington Cemetery followed by Repast at MFIUMC in Ernst Fellowship Hall.
Please keep the bereaved family in prayers.

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 March will be held both on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning
at 1:30 PM on those days.

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

See Him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O, the wormwood and the gall! O, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished! Hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus to die.

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid His breathless clay:
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes;
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when my Lord rose from the grave?