

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

MARCH 26, 2023 10:30 A.M. FIFTH 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**

Paul Hanreeder

Leader: Come, all who are weary.
People: Here, we wait for the Lord.
Leader: Come, all who have turned away from God.
People: Here, we find forgiveness and healing.
Leader: Come, all who look for hope.
People Here, we embrace God’s steadfast love.
Leader: Come, all who look for hope.
ALL: Let us praise God! Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH #369

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: “How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?” In the midst of our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God.” May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: People of God, the steadfast love and redeeming power of God is with you today and always. You are Forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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 *“Worthy Is The Lamb That Was Slain”* *English Chancel Choir*

EPISTLE READING : **1st Corinthians 1: 18-25** **Priyaline Tallapally**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 16: 24-26** **Sahas Emmanuel Rana**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *“The Discipleship Formula”* *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** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* *UMH #298*

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: Go with joy.

People: Our transgressions are forgiven.

Minister: Go with hope.

People: Our sin is covered.

Minister: Go with love.

ALL: Our hearts are uplifted by the tender mercies of our God.

**** BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Let the Beauty of Jesus”**

*Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me
All His wondrous compassion and purity
Oh, 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!

**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 March 19, 2023

Attendance: Adults 65 Youth 15 Children 0 = 80 Tithes and Offering = \$4,079.00

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Paul Hanreeder;

Readers: Epistle Reading, Priyalene Tallapally; Gospel Reading, Sahas Emmanuel Rana;

Acolyte: Pranay Medapally;

Greeters and Ushers: Sowbhgyam Timothy; Jesse Charles

WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain;
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
To receive power and riches and wisdom and strength;
Honor and glory and blessing!

Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb!

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r
For Thou hast created, has all things created,
Thou hast created all things;
And for Thy pleasure, they are created,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain;
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
To receive power and riches and wisdom and strength;
Honor and glory and blessing

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb!

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things;
And for Thy pleasure, we were created,
Thou art worthy, O Lord

We were created, to worship You, Jesus
For Thou art worthy, O Lord; who was slain for us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Altar flowers are placed in honor of Sahas Emmanuel Rana's 11th birthday by his loving family. Following the Worship Service, the family is inviting the Congregation for lunch in the Parlor in celebration of Sahas birthday. All are invited!

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.

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), **Mrs. Pauline Robinson**,
Mr. Scott Whittemore (Liz Roth's cousin), **Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude**, **Mr. Paul Jerome Kola**,
Mrs. Victoria Jaipal, **Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee**, **Mr. Raphael Neville Victor**,
Mr. Richard McMullen, **Mrs. Esther Cornelius**,
Mrs. Asuntha Francis (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister), **Dr. Sudhakar Babu**,
Mr. Winston Vaughan (Diane Brown's brother), **Mr. Mani Bhushan** (Smitha Kola's father), and
Mr. Naga Bhushanam (Suneetha Anchula's father).

CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME: Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri

PRAYER TIME AT CHURCH FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH COMMENCING APRIL 1ST
AT 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

It is with a deep sense of sadness we inform you that **Mrs. Stella Samuel** slept in the Lord on Tuesday, March 21st at her home in Lanham. She is survived by children Ebenezer, Arun and Bina; son-in-law John, daughters-in-law Monica, Priya and Shaila; grand-children Nathaniel, Tanya, Brandon, Gordon, Ryan and their extended family members. The Funeral and Burial Services were held on Saturday, March 25th. Please keep the bereaved family in your 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.

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 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