

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2, 2022 10:30 A.M. 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**WORLD COMMUNION 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*

**GREETING & WELCOME:**

*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**

*Ahan Brown*

**Leader:** With Christians around the world,  
come to the festival of love.

**People:** **We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

**Leader:** With believers from every continent on earth,  
come to the festival of grace.

**People:** **We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

**Leader:** With the whole body of Christ,  
come to the festival of life.

**ALL:** **We come with thanksgiving and praise. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN**

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

*UMH #545*

**\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles’ Creed traditional version*

*UMH #881*

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI**

*“Glory Be To The Father”*

*UMH #70*

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

*Rev. Samuel Honnappa*

**O God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter in times of rain. When we forget to be refuge for others in trouble forgive us. Turn our gaze to the poor Lazaruses of our world, for we would rather look away. Guide our lives to be places of shelter for others, as you have been shelter for us. Strengthen us with your grace, that we may offer our mercy and help to the needy, as you have offered your mercy and help to us. Draw us back into the protection of your forgiveness and grace. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Minister:** Even in our doubt, God gives us a spirit of power, love and self-discipline. Even in our failure to find meaning, Christ gives us the gospel of truth. Even in our

despair, the Spirit gives us treasure from heaven to strengthen us on our way.  
Rejoice in the mercy of our God.

**People: Thanks be to God for this glorious gift! Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Children's/Youth Cantata*

**CHILDREN MAY STAY IN THE SANCTUARY**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Pastor*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION**

**ANTHEM**

**“We remember You”**

*Chancel Choir*

**EPISTLE READING:**

**1 Corinthians 13: 4-12**

*Vijaya Henry*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Youth Choir*

**\*\*THE GOSPEL READING: John 13: 34-35**

*Silas Samson*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**Welcome to our Speaker, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling of Peninsula Delaware and  
Baltimore -Washington Conference**

*Liz Roth, SPRC Chair, Cynthia Katta, Ad Council Chair & Robert Boddu, Lay Leader*

**MESSAGE:**

**“The Command Is Clear”**

*Bishop LaTrelle Easterling*

**PRAYER**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Telugu Chancel Choir*

**THE HOLY MEAL & SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

..... *Pages 13 & 14 UMH*

**Communion Music:**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together” UMH #618**

*Telugu Lyric*

**“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” UMH #357**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)**

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*\*HYMN**

**“Saranam, Saranam”**

**UMH #523**

**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**Bishop Easterling**

Minister: With Christians around the world,  
go forth to bear witness in a divided and broken world.

**People: Knit together in Christian love, we leave here to share  
living bread with a world starving for spiritual food.**

Minister: With Christians around the world, go forth blessed through  
Fellowship with Christ to be in union with God and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Woven together in Christian hope, we leave to share  
the cup of salvation with a world dying of thirst.**

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: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:(Telugu) “Seven Fold Amen”**

*Yehova ninnu aashirwadinchi kaa-paadugaaka.*

*Yehova thana Sannidhi Prakashimpa jesi.*

*Ninnu karuninchugaaka.a.a – ninnu karuninchugaaka.*

*Yehova Nee meeda, thana Saniidhi-kanthi nudayimpa jesi.*

*Neeku Samadhanamu kalugajeyu gaaka.*

*Amen.. Amen.. Amen.. Amen.. Amen.. Amen.. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

**Peter Kotiah**

***WELCOME Visitors and Guests***

Thank you Bishop Easterling, for your presence this morning and for bringing God’s message to us.  
We also welcome and thank our former Pastor, Rev. Samuel Honnappa and Mrs. Rachel Samuel,  
for joining us in the Worship Service. We thank all our visitors and online friends for worshipping  
with us today.

**Immediately following the Service, the congregation is requested to stay in the Sanctuary to  
take a congregational picture with our Bishop Easterling. Parents, make sure your children  
join you in this picture. And also, please follow the ushers as you come forward to the altar  
for the congregational picture.**

**Shepherd’s Table: We will be serving at the SHEPHERD’S TABLE in Silver Spring, MD on SUNDAY-  
October 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed! Please register in advance  
@ [http:// shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com](http://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com). Registration is mandatory. If any problems, please  
contact Mindy Hofmann @ 301-585-6463 Ex. 217 and please confirm to Paul Hanreeder at  
Church or you can reach him at 301-460-1761. New MFIUMC Team T-shirts are now available  
for volunteers. Thank you!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The first set of altar flowers are placed in loving memory of **Late Mrs. Lily Satyanandam Boddu**, by her loving children and grandchildren.

The second set of altar flowers are placed in loving memory of **Late Mr. James Padma Rao**, who went to be with the Lord on Sept. 26, 2022. He was the cousin brother of Vijaya Henry & Surekha Marapaka.

The third set of altar flowers are placed in celebration of **Rose Elizabeth's** 1<sup>st</sup> birthday by her grandfather, Peter Kotiah and parents, Rachel and Austin Matos.

The fourth set of altar flowers are placed "**To The Glory Of God**" by Aparanjini Paul.

**TODAY:** Following the Worship Service let's gather in the Fellowship Hall down stairs for the luncheon hosted in celebration of our Bishop LaTrelle Easterling's visit.

**Sunday, October 9, 2022** – Pastor Sudhir Kirby from India will bring God's message to us.

**Sunday, October 16, 2022** – Stewardship Campaign by John Roth, Finance Chair.

Following the Worship Service, the Memorial Committee will meet.

**Friday, October 21, 2022** – Bhajana & Songs at MFIUMC from 6-9 p.m. followed by dinner sponsored by Family Ministry. Please welcome friends and family. Donations are welcome.

**Saturday, October 22, 2022** – Children and Youth Leaders training at MFIUMC by Susan M Harry from 10:30 – 4:00 p.m. All children and youth leaders are welcome.

Every Wednesday, join us for the Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

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.

**Bereavement:** **Mrs. Mary Jaykar** 92, wife of Late Rev. K. Jayakar Samuel, Pastor at Methodist Church, Hyderabad and mother of Rev. Dr. David Ravinder went to be with the Lord on Oct. 29, 2022 in New Jersey.

### **Prayer Request**

Please pray for **Mr. Paul Jerome Kola and Mr. Anil Somaram** who are hospitalized.

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

**Mr. Gideon Korani, Mr. Anthony Robinson** (Pauline Robinson's son), **Mr. Sikander Henry, Mrs. Victoria Jaipal** (Sharmila Thomas' mother), **Mrs. Stella Samuel, Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee, Mr. Raphael Neville Victor, Mr. Richard McMullen, Mrs. Esther Cornelius** (Angela's mother-in-law), and **Mrs. Asuntha Francis** (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister).

**CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME:** Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri.

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***Our Sunday attendance and Offering for September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

Attendance: Adults 105 Youth 10 Children 22 = 137 Tithes and Offering = \$5,805.00

### **Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist:** Ahan Brown; **Readers:** Vijaya Henry & Silas Samson; **Acolyte:** Jadon Tallapally

## **“We remember You”**

As we drink this cup, we worship You,  
As we eat this bread, we honor You;  
And we offer You our lives, as You have offered Yours for us.  
We remember all You've done for us,  
We remember Your covenant with us;  
We remember and worship You, O Lord!

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

As we drink this cup, we worship You,  
As we eat this bread, we honor You;  
And we offer You our lives, as You have offered Yours for us.  
We remember all You've done for us,  
We remember Your covenant with us;  
We remember and worship You, O Lord!

Feast after feast, thus comes and passes by;  
Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste, of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

As we drink this cup, we worship You,  
As we eat this bread, we honor You;  
And we offer You our lives, as You have offered Yours for us.  
We remember all You've done for us,  
We remember Your sacrifice for us;  
We remember and worship You, O Lord!  
We remember and worship You, O Lord!

## **“DO NOT FEAR”**

Do not fear, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will comfort you, and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.  
Strong winds blow; thunderclouds form; your way out may not seem clear.  
God is greater than the wrath of the storm! Over, again He tells us – “Do not fear !”

Do not fear, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will comfort you, and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.  
Do not fear, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will comfort you, and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Do not fear, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will comfort you, and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

(Do not fear) Do not fear, for I am with you. (Do not fear) Be not dismayed,  
for I am your God.

(Do not fear) I will comfort you, and help you; I will uphold you with  
My righteous right hand.  
I will uphold you with My righteous – righteous – right hand ! I AM YOUR GOD !

## **“BE STRONG IN THE LORD”**

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord. Stand in His power, stand in His strength.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord. Trust Him in everything.  
Stand firm on the Word of God, stand firm on His promises.  
Stand firm on the solid Rock, with faith in Jesus Christ.

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On Christ the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.  
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Trust Him in everything !

