



*A special welcome to our guests. Your visit is a blessing to us, and we are glad you are here!
Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.
Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery for infants
through preschoolers is available in Room 5.*

**Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; TFWs=The Faith We Sing.*

WELCOME

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

GATHERING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

***People:* May we be called to the light of righteousness.**

Leader: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

***People:* May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.**

Leader: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

***People:* Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.**

* OPENING PRAYER

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy—death—can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

HYMN

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:6-11

Sandy Dowell

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is

in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 11:1-45

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

¹¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw

Selection of Readings Pertaining to Fellowship

Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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REFLECTION/MESSAGE

Listen Up!

Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

* HYMN

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*Fifth Sunday
in Lent*

MARCH 29
2020

10:30 am

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Daily Scripture Readings

Sun., Mar 29 - **ROMANS 6:1-11** *Being Strong?*
Mon., Mar 30 - **1 KINGS 18:41-44** *Little Cloud of Hope*
Tue., Mar 31 - **PSALM 62:5-8** *The Right Place*
Wed., Apr 1 - **JUDGES 6:11-16** *A Fitting Title*
Thu., Apr 2 - **ISAIAH 43:1-3** *Forward in Hope*
Fri., Apr 3 - **PSALM 105:1-6** *Orchids for Carolyn*
Sat., Apr 4 - **2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21** *The Carpenter*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

Memorial's Purpose



Church Giving

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING
(the last 8 weeks)
\$4,949.38

WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS
\$5,770.00

Office Information

COORDINATOR HOURS
Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

To schedule, please contact the office at
301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or
visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are
sent to their email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

People in need of immediate pastoral care,
please contact Pastor Tim at
PastorTim@PMUMC.org

Church Personnel

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

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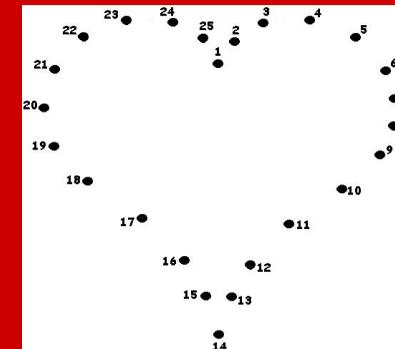
HEAD ACOLYTE - Emma Parker

CUSTODIAN - Pecoie Fleming

Thoughts/Prayers

*Loving God,
Spirit of Life, and Love,
In whom we live, move, breathe, and have our being:
We are mindful of these times in which we live.
Uncertainty, anxiety, and fear are present among us
As we listen to and care for one another in these days.
We are connected across time and space
Connected by invisible droplets that have come to instruct us,
Bringing vivid, real-time, illustration of how much we need one another
Connected across race, religion, nationality, political persuasion
Connected across age, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status
Connected across all the reasons we separate and divide
Connected by our humanness and our fragility
Connected by our need for connection, for love, for safety
Connected by our need for access to healthcare and food,
a place to lay our heads at night
Connected by our need for hope, for kindness, for compassion and joy
May we take the lessons offered in this time and place
With us as we navigate our way
May we remember in the days and years to come that
Truly - we need each other to survive."*

[Cindy Terlazzo, adapted]



Upcoming Happenings

Church Building will be **CLOSED** through April 26th.

We will update you on our Holy Week services as soon as the information becomes available.

Please check your email for updates. If you need to reach the church office, please leave a message at 301-349-2010 or send an email to office@pmumc.org

Memorial UMC Spirit Wear

Kirsten Lewis is collecting pre-orders for t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Short sleeve T-shirts available from children sizes Small through Adult sizes 5XL.

Long sleeve sweatshirts are available in adult sizes Small-5XL.

After enough orders are received the order will be placed and money collected.

Please reach out to Kirsten with any questions at kir05@hotmail.com.

UMCOR

Collections for UMCOR will take place upon returning to our regular worship. If you would like to help out now, please go to www.umcmision.org/umcor to send financial help electronically

Tithes

If you are looking for ways to continue your faithful tithing, there are three options:

1. MAIL it to Memorial's PO Box.
2. DROP IT OFF in the secured mailbox located to the left of the main entrance.
3. ELECTRONICALLY PAY by going to PMUMC.ORG and scroll to the bottom of the page. Once there press the red "MAKE A DONATION" button to direct you on how to send it in electronically.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Brenda Boulter at brenda.boulter@verizon.net or contact the office at 301-349-2010 or office@pmumc.org

(more announcements on next page)

Upcoming Happenings

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

If you are looking for activities for your children, please visit <https://www.childrensbulletins.com/covid19-childrens-activities-for-churches>

Review/Preview

Join in with Pastor Tim online to discuss last week's readings along with this coming week's readings. Thursday evenings from 7-8pm. Pastor Tim will send out instructions via MailChimp before it starts on how to login to join in the lively discussion.

WUMCO

Please support our community through donations to WUMCO. They are experiencing a very high volume for food assistance. WUMCO is waiving all financial requirements for food assistance, but encouraging neighbors and extended families to care for folks who aren't able to get to the store before calling WUMCO.

If you are able to donate to WUMCO, following is most needed this week: canned fruit including applesauce, canned pasta (like spaghetti-o's), canned tuna, canned chicken, beans (especially baked beans), Other food donations will also be welcomed..

Donations can be dropped off at WUMCO office (back of Baptist Church from 9AM - 5PM, M-F - please call 301-972-8481, x2 to make sure someone is there before dropping off) or at the WUMCO Collection Box at Drs. Pike & Valega (24/7, 19601 Fisher Ave.).

If you would like to donate but would prefer not to deliver your donation, email the church office at Office@PMUMC.org and a volunteer will come to your door step to pick up donations.

Opportunity for Our Youth

Youth volunteers needed to collect items for WUMCO at Dr. Pike & Valega's and deliver them to WUMCO's office at the Baptist Church. SSL hours available.

If interested contact Ellen Onderko at ellenbeth@verizon.net

If there is a need that you have, please email the church office and we will do our best to try to help you.