



Worship Bulletin and Herndon UMC News February 16, 2025

You are welcome here! This church is made up of people of all kinds, and all are welcome here. You'll hear music, words, prayers, laughter, and silence. Take it all in, participate in ways that make sense for you, and know that however you come and whoever you are, you are loved by God.

HELP WITH TONIGHT'S dinner for the Temporary Overnight Shelter in Reston. Come to the big kitchen after worship to help, or contact Beth Czerwinski at neighbors@herndonumc.org.

KIDS CLUB TODAY (3 yr - gr.6) during worship. Kids leave after the passing of the peace for age-appropriate lessons. YOUTH LARGE GROUP AFTER WORSHIP. Email jomo@herndonumc.org to learn more.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER ON WEDNESDAY will include a taco soup dinner fundraiser for the Upward Basketball Scholarship Fund. Help make Upward Basketball accessible to everyone. This short service and dinner will be held on 2/19 in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm.

ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT (3/7-8) at the Claggett Center. Led by Rev. Larry Buxton the retreat will explore his book "30 Days with King David: on Leadership." The cost is \$120. Reserve a spot by email to mensevents@herndonumc.org by 2/24. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY! Join the Herndon United Women in Faith in welcoming back Rev. Kris Beckert for this one-day Spring retreat. Kris will focus on John 20:21 and how we are SENT right

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where we are. Register at bit.ly/womensspringretreat2025 or email womensevents@herndonumc.org.

PRESCHOOL SPIRIT DAY at North Point Chik-fil-a on 2/18 from 6am-10pm. Preschool receives 25% of mobile orders using code BUTTERFLY (all caps).

GROW AS A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH COMMUNITY. Proskuneo Ministries is coming to worship with us and share their experience. There are two opportunities: #1) For those passionate about this, Saturday, 3/1 at 2:30-5pm. (RSVP to office@herndonumc.org.) #2) Sunday after 10am worship, there will be a 60-minute seminar also offered over Zoom.

HELPING THE HOMELESS PRESENTATION 3/2. Herndon's Social Action Ministry welcomes Cornerstones' CEO, Kerrie Wilson, to share her experience and insights on home and food insecurity in our community. Join us at 5pm in the Sanctuary or on YouTube. Light refreshments will be offered. Come worship at 4pm for and stay to hear Kerrie.

NEW SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS. Support Cornerstones (and Mary Martha Circle). All sizes welcome. Leave socks in the cabinet in room 105. There is a sign on the door and a basket inside.

HERNDON UMC'S NEXT SERVICE DATE AT THE CLOSET IS 3/12. Help The Closet serve our community. Sign up in the app, on the clipboard, or at bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds. Join the group to see all the upcoming needs. Contact Bill or Betty Arey at thecloset@herndonumc.org for information.

JUST TWO WEEKS LEFT OF UPWARD BASKETBALL. If you have 2 hours on a Saturday between 9am and 3:30pm. Please sign up to help with scoreboards, refereeing, or the concessions stand. Sign up in the app, at bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds, or on the clipboards.

Get the latest news in the Herndon UMC app or from herndonumc.org, under News select Weekly eNews. Sign up to get them by email at bit.ly/HerndonEmails.

Worship—10 AM

Gathering Music | *Be Still and Know with Be Still My Soul* | arr. Mark Hayes |
Played by Christopher Simon

Welcome & Announcements | Melissa Chavez

Call to Worship | Authored by Gill Lefevre | Melissa Chavez

[One] We come today from different places, different moods, different mornings.

**[All] Some are hectic and rushed, others quiet, perhaps forlorn.
Regardless, we are loved equally in God's eyes.**

[One] We pray for health or happiness; some pray for strength or support.

[All] We pray in joy and hope and longing, and God hears each prayer the same.

[One] We worship with different voices and talents, and we lift up our hearts united in praise.

[All] Each one of us is unique and beloved; together we praise God who welcomes our worship as one.

Opening Song | *In Christ There Is No East or West* | UMH 548 | led by
Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**[V. 1] In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one community of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**[V. 2] In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.**

[V. 3] In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,

**and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.**

**[V. 4] In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

Opening Prayer | Prayer written by Gill Le Fevre | Melissa Chavez

**Life-giving Father, Almighty God, you created us in your image, and with a rich diversity of character and personality. We are loud and quiet, we are excited and reserved, we are energetic and reflective. Inspire us to embrace our individuality; to give thanks for the quirks and abilities that make us who we are. Guide us to respect and value difference in each other and to appreciate the variety that makes life interesting; that makes friendship vibrant; that sparks creativity. Encourage us to love without judgment or fear, and with confidence in your eternal love for us.
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace | Melissa Chavez

Scripture | Acts 11:1-18 NRSVUE | Joan Whitener

Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being

lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Reflection Song | *"This Is My Song"* | UMH 437 | led by Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**[V.1] This is my song O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home the country where my heart is**

**Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine**

**[V.2] My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song Thou God of all nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine**

**[V.3] This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him
And hearts united learn to live as one
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done**

Invitation to Giving | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Offertory | *Come Down Angels* | Undine Smith Moore | Melissa Chavez,
soprano, Christopher Simon, piano

Doxology | *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* | UMH 95 | led by
Christopher Simon

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Rev. SeongJae Jo

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Song | *O, Who will Build the Church Now - Kanisa Litajengua* | Jorge Lockward | led by Melissa Chavez and Christopher Simon

**[V.1] Oh, who will build the church now?
With what will we build it?
Oh, who will build the church now?
With what will we build it?**

**[Refrain] Iyo yo yo yo
Iyo yo yo yo
Iyo yo yo yo
Iyo yo yo yo!**

**[V.2] Oh, who will build the church now?
We'll build it to-geth-er!...
Oh, who will build the church now?
We'll build it to-geth-er!... (Refrain)**

**[V.3] Oh, who will build the church now?
Our moth-ers, our fa-thers!...
Oh, who will build the church now?
Our moth-ers, our fa-thers!... (Refrain)**

**[V.4] Oh, who will build the church now?
The chil-dren, the grown-ups!...
Oh, who will build the church now?
The chil-dren, the grown-ups!... (Refrain)**

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Benediction | Rev. SeongJae Jo

Leaving Music | *Kanisa Litajengua* | Jorge Lockward | played by Christopher Simon