

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Wandering Heart

"Jesus sought me"

11:00 AM



*We exist to connect all people with Jesus Christ.
We do this by welcoming enthusiastically,
growing deeply and serving courageously.*

🌀 Welcome 🌀

*Children of all ages and their rustling are welcome in worship,
with special activity packets available at all entrances for younger children.
Nursery care and Children's Sunday School are located in Whittler Treehouse.*

PRELUDE

John Orfe

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Isaac Watts and Lowell Mason, arr. Bruce Greer)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Cynthia Arendt

Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

For Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

We have been found.

Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN UMH 130 "God Will Take Care of You"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of abundance—

**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—

**a God who says, "Do not be afraid;"
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—

**a God who says, "Follow me,"
and, "You will be fishers of people."**

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

**a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.**

We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "To Follow Him" (John Orfe)

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:1-11; Psalm 25:1-10

Holy Spirit, as we have read this Scripture in our community,
humbly interpreting through Reason, varied Experience and Tradition,
bless our hearing and understanding.

May our listening be done with love.

MESSAGE "Wandering Heart: Jesus Sought Me"

Pastor Jewell

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," (Thomas O. Chisholm, arr. Nancy Muskrat)

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN UMH 344 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

+INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Living for Jesus" (Harold Lowden, arr. Rebecca Bonam)





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Daily Prayer and Devotional

Pick up your lenten devotional in the Connector or the church office. Sign up for the daily prayer at moumc.org or by emailing prayer@moumc.org.

All Church Trivia Night | February 25 @ 5 PM

All ages are invited to the Intergenerational Trivia Night happening in Whittler Hall. 5-7 PM on February 25th! Anyone is welcome to come and play: bring your family and friends! Dinner will be provided by the Community and Fellowship Team. Nursery care available.

MUMC Tabletop | Thursdays 6-8 PM in the Connector

MUMC Tabletop returns! Young or old, experienced or new to board games, you are invited to drop in and have some intergenerational fun. We will bring a variety of new games, as always. Have a favorite? Feel free to bring one from home as well. Childcare available.

Building Excitement | March 3, 12, 21

Save the date and come to one of our "Building Excitement" events to find out about the new plans for the CLC rebuild. March 3 from 12-1 PM, March 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM, and March 21 from 1:30-2:30 PM.

For this week's event calendar, visit moumc.org/calendar.

Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at moumc.org/comm-card.

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