

April 21, 2024

LONELINESS

Grief & longing

11:00 AM

 **MISSOURI**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*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 our worship services.

Activity packets are available at the entrances.

Nursery care and Children's Sunday School are located in Whittler Treehouse.

PRELUDE "Andante du Quatuor" (Claude Debussy)

Craig Datz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Robb

From this pining place of loneliness
Come to this sanctuary of welcome.

From your bitter cul-de-sac of longing and grief
Listen to Christ's invitation.

When your longing feels languishing or limp, or green, or muted, or mournful, or spent

Hear Jesus calling you gently:

***"Come, my dear ones, don't be afraid. I know you are lonely.
I know you feel longing and grief. It might feel like death, but I know there
is resurrection. I will not ask too much. Together let's try ritual,
attending to the feelings that swirl around us.
So you can rise again in presence and connection."***

Amen.

+OPENING HYMN UMH 310 "He Lives"

+COMMUNAL PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we are coming today: alone and together. Alone in our loneliness, in our emotions, in our fears, in the secret depths of our hearts. Together in our loneliness, this epidemic of our communities, a crisis for which we need a savior. Alone, we ask for ourselves, the grace we need to receive the grace you offer. Together, we ask for each other, for grace to give and empathy to hear. With hope in your resurrection. Amen.

ANTHEM "Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep" (Laura Farnell)

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Lamentations 3:55-58; Luke 22:7-16

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 “The Loneliness Epidemic: Grief, Longing”

Pastor Daniel

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 “Take It to the Lord in Prayer” (arr. Sandra Eithun) Wesleyan Ringers
To e-give, text “MOUMC” to 73256 or give online using the QR code below.

+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 700 “Abide With Me” (vss. 1, 2, 5)

+INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Song of Triumph” (James H. Rogers)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Day | Today!

Stop by the Connector between services for a Green Samaritan reusable shopping bag. From 12-6:30PM, Green Samaritans will host an Earth Day booth on the corner of 9th and Elm. Be sure to walk down Elm Street to Peace Park to see other Earth Day booths.

Next Steps Lunch | April 28 @ 12:15PM in the Parlor

If you are new to MUMC and want to know more, our Next Steps Lunch is for anyone considering becoming a MUMC member. Come join our pastors and get your questions answered. RSVP liz@moumc.org by Wednesday.

Conservatory Singers Reception and Recital | May 5 @ Noon in the Parlor

Help us honor and show our appreciation to Sophie Heimerl, Nathan Le, Lukas Parrish, Lucas Da Silva, Meg Lyon, and Dani Major who have shared their gift of music with MUMC.

Walking through Grief | Tuesdays, May 7-July 9 @ 1-3PM

A grief support group for anyone who has lost someone through death.



Send us your recipes!

We'd like to share some of your favorite spring and summer recipes in the newsletter. Please email recipes to liz@moumc.org and watch for them in the Messenger.

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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