

A child is sitting on a bench, making a 'shh' gesture with their hand to their lips. The background is a light, textured surface with vertical paint drips in shades of teal, blue, and yellow. A dark grey horizontal band is positioned across the top of the image, containing the date.

May 5, 2024

# LONELINESS

Unnoticed, Disconnected

8:00 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 our worship services.*

*Worship activity packets are available at the Chapel door.*

*Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.*

**PRELUDE** “Hymns of Majesty” (Philip Keveren)

Ann Merrifield

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

### **+CALL TO WORSHIP**

From this confusing place of loneliness

**Come to this sanctuary of welcome.**

From your disappointment in being misunderstood,

**Listen to Christ's invitation.**

When your feeling of disconnection makes you confused, or invisible, or overlooked,  
or frustrated, or wrong,

**Hear Jesus calling you gently:**

**“Come, my dear ones.**

**I know you are lonely. I know you feel unnoticed and disconnected.**

**It might feel like death, but I know there is resurrection.**

**I will not ask too much.**

**Together let's try to be honest and find something true,**

**So you can rise again fully known and fully loved.”**

**Amen.**

**+OPENING HYMN UMH 312** “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

### **+COMMUNAL PRAYER**

**Dear Jesus, we ask by the power of your resurrection, that you come and meet us in our loneliness, both the loneliness that is particular to me, and the loneliness that our whole world feels right now so deeply. Lift up our hearts! Lift up our heads! Lift up our eyes, that we might see the countless stars and hear your voice calling our names, and face the lives we have in all their complexity. By your grace so deep and wide, Amen.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS**

### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Suppertime” (Jim Reeves)

Rich Howard

**TIME OF PRAYER** Promotion Prayers

**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.**

**MESSAGE** “The Loneliness Epidemic: Unnoticed, Disconnected”

Pastor Jewell

Genesis 3:6-11, 21; Isaiah 40:26-28; Matthew 16:21-26

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 13**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING**

*To e-give, text “MOUMC” to 73256 or give online using the QR code below.*

**+DOXOLOGY UMH 94**

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**+CLOSING HYMN UMH 130** “God Will Take Care of You”

**+BENEDICTION**

David Lile

**+POSTLUDE**

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## NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE MINISTRY FINALS WEEK MEALS

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE MINISTRY  
IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE  
LUNCH AND DINNER FOR STUDENTS.



**FINALS WEEK IS MAY 6-9**  
**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**

REACH OUT TO REBES BENNETT FOR ANY QUESTIONS.  
REBES@MUMC.ORG



## General Conference with Rev. Kim Jenne



May 19 at 9:30 AM in the Chapel  
May 26 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Conservatory Singers Reception and Recital | **TODAY!** @ Noon in the Parlor

Stop in for a bite to eat and stay for the performances. 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 @ 1PM

Walking through Grief is a support group for anyone who has lost someone through death. Join us Tuesdays from 1-3PM in room 302.

### MUMC All-Church Picnic | June 2

Mark your calendars: June 2, 5-7PM. Come to Bethel Park for food, fun, and live music! Chicken and drinks provided. Bring a side or dessert to share.

### Festival of Sharing | May focus

MUMC collects donations so we can buy in bulk. Your donation of \$15 will buy a kit including pencils, markers, scissors, crayons, eraser, ruler, pens, folders, and notebooks! Help us to support local children to get a fresh start next school year.

### Worship+

As you feel convicted to get involved at MUMC beyond attending worship services, please consider the following ministries looking to expand their teams. Contact [liz@moumc.org](mailto:liz@moumc.org) for more details.

Greeters (one Sunday per month)

Ushers (one Sunday per month)

Shuttle Drivers (one Sunday per month)

Welcome desk (one weekday morning or afternoon per week)

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