

January 28, 2024

Believing Beyond Barriers

**5 Ways that Religion Can Bring
People Together Today**



9:30 AM



THE CITY



*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.
Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.
Children's Sunday School is available at 11:00 AM in Whittler Treehouse.*

PRELUDE "Gratitude" (Benjamin William Hastings)

City Band

WELCOME

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

OPENING WORDS

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

- "My Jesus" (Ann Wilson)
- "Gratitude" (Benjamin William Hastings)

COMMUNITY GREETING

CITY SINGERS "The Awakening" (Joseph M. Martin)

TIME OF PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:19-27 (NIV)

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 “Believing Beyond Barriers: Seeing Ourselves More Clearly” Pastor Jewell

SONG OF RESPONSE “Sanctuary” (Thompson/Scruggs)

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT

**Loving God,
Like Joseph, we don’t always understand why things happen the way they do;
why our plans and dreams fail,
and we find ourselves facing challenge after challenge,
and disappointment after disappointment.**

**Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that You are at work in our lives,
and that You have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us.**

**Give us faith to trust in You no matter what challenges we face.
Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in Your hands,
and then follow where You lead without hesitation,
confident that Your loving presence goes with us.
Amen.**

COMMUNION

*Communion is open to all and children of any age are welcome to help serve
communion in The City. Come on up if you’re interested in volunteering!*

COMMUNION MUSIC “Come To The Table” (Nystrom)

TIME OF OFFERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Sanctuary” (Thompson/Scruggs)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Festival of Sharing - Backpacks of Love & Prison Packs | January

Support someone in need. Send a pack of children's underwear with your child to Sunday school to give to the FOS Backpacks of Love or drop \$10 into the offering to support FOS Prison Packs (memo as "FOS Prison Pack"). May we be blessed in our giving to these great causes!

College Ministry Dinners | Wednesdays @ 6 PM

We are looking for MUMC groups, families and individuals to provide a meal for our Wednesday evening college ministry. Those who provide the meal are invited to sit and eat with students. Intergenerational relationships are so important, and we want our students to get to know the members of MUMC. If you are interested, the sign-up genius description has more information. Please contact Rebes at: rebes@moumc.org, with any questions.



Shelby Ringdahl in Concert | Saturday, February 3 @ 7 PM

The MUMC Concert Series is very proud to present Columbia's own, *Shelby Ringdahl: From Missouri to Manhattan*. \$5 students and \$10 adults - moumc.org/concert-series

Ash Wednesday | February 14 @ 5:30 PM

Join us for a pancake dinner at 5:30 PM followed by a service at 7 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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