

January 28, 2024

# Believing Beyond Barriers

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



**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** "Arietta in G" (Giambattista Martini)

Craig Datz

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Allen

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 HYMN UMH 419** "I Am Thine, O Lord"

**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.**

**ANTHEM** "Hymn of Peace" (Mary McDonald)

Chancel Choir

## **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

## **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** “Softly and Tenderly” (Rex Koury)

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### **+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 400** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### **+INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

**+POSTLUDE** “Flourish” (David Terry)

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://moumc.org/calendar).

Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at [moumc.org/comm-card](http://moumc.org/comm-card).

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