

February 11, 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 "O Perfect Love" (Alfred Hollins)

Craig Datz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+CALL TO WORSHIP

David Russell

The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.

We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

God will not turn away from us.

God will heal us and restore us.

Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow. AMEN.

+OPENING HYMN UMH 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are so beaten down by life. We see the shadows all around us and shrink away from your light in our fears. We turn our backs on others because we don't believe that we have anything to offer. Our attitudes and our actions often reflect anger and hostility rather than compassion and hope. Please forgive us, Lord. Please heal and restore us to wholeness and hope. Give us courage to be your disciples. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ANTHEM "The Staff of Faith" (Craig Courtney)

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 21:14-19 (NRSVue)

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: Living Scripture”

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 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (Mark Hayes)

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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 431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

+INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Postludium” (Marius Monnikendam)

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Call to Worship & Prayer of Confession: Written by Nancy C. Townley.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Game Fundraiser | Today

If you ordered dips from the Men's Group for today's big game, please pick up in the Connector.

Ash Wednesday and Pancake Dinner | February 14

Our pancake dinner at 5:30 PM followed by a service at 7 PM. All funds raised at the dinner will go to the Youth Group.

Lenten Daily Prayer and Devotional

Pick up your lenten devotional in the Connector at the Ash Wednesday service and go to moumc.org to sign up to take part in the daily lenten prayer.

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.

MUMC Tabletop | Thursdays 6-8 PM

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.

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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