# March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent



8:00 AM



We exist to connect all people with Jesus Christ.
We do this by welcoming enthusiastically,
growing deeply and serving courageously.

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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** "Jesus Love Me" (Bradbury & DeBussy, arr. Fred Bock)

Ann Merrifield

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

#### **+CALL TO WORSHIP**

If you ask the sky who God is, the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is, the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is, the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God." Are you listening? We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

**+OPENING HYMN UMH 159** "Lift High the Cross"

#### **+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you that I am?"

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend--with us on the mountain and beside us in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows our names. Like Peter we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God."

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS

#### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

Rich Howard, voice; Ann Merrifield, piano

"I Believe" (Drake, Graham, Shirl and Stillman)

#### TIME OF PRAYER

#### THE 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** Matthew 16:13-20 (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** "Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount"

Pastor Daniel

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 13**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING/HYMN UMH 292** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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

#### **+PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**+BENEDICTION** David Lile

**+POSTLUDE** "Morning Has Broken" (arr. Marilynn Ham)

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Green Samaritans | March 9 @ 1 PM

Home Composting 101 Workshop at MUMC presented by City of Columbia Volunteer Programs, hosted by MUMC Green Samaritans.

# Spring Break Mission Trip

The Neighborhood College Ministry is hosting a learning and service trip to Memphis, Birmingham, and Atlanta from March 22 through March 30. In each city, we will visit museums and landmarks that focus on the Civil Rights movement. We will also partner with a local non-profit that specializes in areas of equity and human rights.

# Building Excitement | March 3, 12, 21

Save the date and come to one of our "Building Excitment" events to find out about the new plans for the CLC rebuild. March 3 from 12-1 PM, March 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM, and March 21 from 1:30-2:30 PM.

# Festival of Sharing | March

During the month of March, MUMC will be collecting donations to purchase supplies for the Personal Hygiene Packs to support Festival of Sharing. The cost of each Personal Hygiene Pack is estimated to be \$30.00.

# Backpacks of Love | March

During the month of March, we will be collecting t-shirts for the backpacks. Each backpack will contain one t-shirt.

For this week's event calendar, visit <u>moumc.org/calendar</u>.
Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at <u>moumc.org/comm-card</u>.

# **CONNECT WITH US!**

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