March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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 "Grand Lothbury Voluntary" (Angela Kraft Cross)

Craig Datz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jewell

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Luchenbill

On our worst days,

God is good.

On our best days,

God is good.

When life is consistent,

God is good.

And when life turns on its head

God is good.

And when life turns on its head,

God is good.

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

God is good. God is here. God is love.

Hold tight to that good news.

Let us worship God!

+OPENING HYMN UMH 295 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of second chances,

a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.

I believe that this God of second chances

uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that

Amen.

ANTHEM "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" (Mary McDonald) Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-23; Colossians 3:1-2 (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 "Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It" TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Jewell

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 "Berceuse" (Margaretha Christina de Jong)

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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

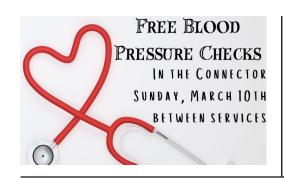
"Take Up Thy Cross" +CLOSING HYMN UMH 415

+INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Not Alone For Mighty Empire" (Emma Lou Diemer)



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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

Please take a moment to send our Neighborhood students a supportive prayer, encouraging word, etc. on a postcard. Rebes will have "mail call" with the students each day on their trip to hand these out to them. Hope you can take a moment to do this. Please drop your postcard in the offering plate, or at the office.

Building Excitement | March 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 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>.

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