March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 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 "The Wonderful Cross" (Mason/Tomlin/Reeves)

City Band

WELCOME

Pastor Jewell

OPENING WORDS

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, the curious and the convicted.

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 MUSIC

- "Up On This Rock" (VOUS Worship)
- "Rescue" (Daigle/Mabury/Ingram)

COMMUNITY GREETING

CITY SINGERS "Agnus Dei" from Missa Romantica (James Quitman Mulholland)

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 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"

Pastor Jewelll

SONG OF RESPONSE "The Wonderful Cross" (Mason/Tomlin/Reeves)

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.**

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 "Up on This Rock" (VOUS Worship)









Easter is a time when we welcome MANY guests and members to MUMC.

Please volunteer as either a greeter or usher for one of the three services on Easter Sunday. TOGETHER we make this the "friendliest church in town".

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>

CONNECT WITH US!