

growing deeply and serving courageously.

### 🗠 Welcome ∾

Children of all ages and their rustling are welcome in our worship services. Activity packets are available at the entrances. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School are located in Whittler Treehouse.

PRELUDE	"Easter Song: O Sons and Daughters" (Alexandre Guilman	t) Craig Datz
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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Jewell & Amy

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Green

From this secluded place of loneliness **Come to this sanctuary of welcome.** 

From your hollow hole of emptiness **Listen to Christ's invitation.** 

When your emptiness feels numb, or beige, or gutted, or silenced, or wistful, or weary Hear Jesus calling you gently: "Come, my dear ones. I know you are lonely. I know you feel emptiness, guilt and shame. It might feel like death, but I know there is resurrection. I will not ask too much. Together let's try doing something, some small task, So you can rise again in hope and strength." Amen.

+OPENING HYMN UMH 308 "Thine Be the Glory"

### +COMMUNAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we love you and celebrate your resurrection! We come to you this morning in our loneliness and weakness asking for your help and strength. You take little seeds and bring a great harvest. You take a little leaven, and raise the whole loaf. Please take each one of us today, and bring life, strength, and hope, through your strong name. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "O Love How Deep" (Everett Titcomb)

Chancel Choir

## TIME OF PRAYER + PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

### 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** "Morning Has Broken" (Anne Marie David)

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

### +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**

SCRIPTURE READING John 21:1-19; Matthew 13:31-34

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.** 

### LONELINESS MONOLOGUE

**MESSAGE** "The Loneliness Epidemic: Emptiness"

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Sung responses in TFWS 2257

The Great Thanksgiving - Our Preparation for Holy Communion

### **+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

+CLOSING HYMN UMH 510 "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

### +INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

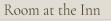
**+POSTLUDE** "Easter Morning" (Otto Malling)

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Elizabeth Palmieri

Pastor Jewell





### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ministry Spotlight | Prayer Shawl Ministry

The MUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry creates baby blankets for baptisms and shawls to comfort people in bereavement or serious illness.

### Saturday Morning Breakfast Café | Saturdays in April (13, 20, 27)

MUMC will be serving again at SMBC starting in April. This year, SMBC is at Room at the Inn. We need eight volunteers on Saturdays in April and June from 7:00 - 9:00 AM. Use QR code to sign up.

### Biribá Union Concert Series | April 13 @ 7PM

After an incredible concert in 2022, Mike Block returns with Biribá Union for the final concert of the '23/'24 MUMC Concert Series. \$5 for students, \$10 for adults. Get your tickets online (*moumc.org/concert-series*) or at the door.

### ForColumbia | Registration closes April 15

The ForColumbia volunteer event is on April 27. This annual day of service is ecumenical (57 churches) and well organized; so far there are over 1,200 volunteers and 85 volunteer sites. Register in the Connector or via the Messenger.

### Next Steps Lunch | April 28 @ 12PM

Are you considering membership at MUMC? Come share a lunch with our pastors and bring your questions.

For this week's event calendar, visit <u>moumc.org/calendar</u>.

Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at moumc.org/comm-card.

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### FAMILY FOOD BOXES

The estimated cost of each Food Box is \$26.00 each.

