

The background of the entire poster is a painting of a child sitting in a small boat on a body of water. The child is wearing a striped shirt and has their hand to their lips in a 'shh' gesture. The water is dark and reflects the sky. The sky is light and has several vertical, colorful streaks (teal, blue, yellow) that look like paint drips or rain. A small blue square is visible at the top center of the image.

April 28, 2024

LONELINESS

Isolation

8:00 AM

 **MISSOURI**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*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 our worship services.

Worship activity packets are available at the Chapel door.

Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.

PRELUDE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (The Sacred Harp) Ann Merrifield

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+CALL TO WORSHIP

From this detached place of loneliness

Come to this sanctuary of welcome.

From your desert of isolation,

Listen to Christ’s invitation.

When your isolation feels dry, or exiled, or bleak, or gloomy or gray, or confined.

Hear Jesus calling you gently:

“Come, my dear ones.

I know you are lonely. I know you feel isolated.

It might feel like death, but I know there is resurrection.

I will not ask too much.

Together let’s try investing your true and beautiful self

So you can rise again with confidence and purpose.”

Amen.

+OPENING HYMN UMH 303 “The Day of Resurrection”

+COMMUNAL PRAYER

Jesus, you faced the isolation of death before you felt the wonder of your resurrection. Help us today as we feel so alone in our loneliness. We wait, stuck in the ‘what-ifs’ that swirl all around us. Give us roots that dig deep into the soil in which we are planted. Give us wings that lift us gently on the breeze of the Spirit. Send us out together, connected, committed, and in the authority of your love. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:4-7; Luke 10:17-24

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hazel Keithahn, violin

Improvisation on "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See"

LONELINESS MONOLOGUE

Elizabeth Braaten Palmieri

SPECIAL MUSIC

Symmone Sparks, voice

"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" (arr. H. T. Burleigh)

MESSAGE "The Loneliness Epidemic: Isolation"

Pastor Daniel

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Jesus is All the World to Me" (Will L. Thompson)

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+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN UMH 528 "Nearer, My God, to Thee" (vss. 1, 2, 5)

+BENEDICTION

David Lile

+POSTLUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" (Hemy and Walton)

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Keithahn and Symonne Sparks sponsored by MUMC's Arts in Worship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating 20 years at MUMC | Craig Datz

Craig Datz's first day as the MUMC organist was April 19, 2004. His inspiration, talent and dedication have been enjoyed by worshippers for 20 years. We are grateful to God for the blessing and the gift of music that Craig brings every Sunday!

Promotion Sunday | May 5

Come celebrate our students in our Sunday services as we all acknowledge the accomplishments and transitions of those promoting at all levels: from kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school and college. Pray for these individuals who are preparing for a new stage.

Conservatory Singers Reception and Recital | May 5 @ Noon in the Parlor

Help us honor and show our appreciation to Sophie Heimerl, Nathan Le, Lukas Parrish, Lucas Da Silva, Meg Lyon, and Dani Major who have shared their gift of music with MUMC. Stop in for a bite to eat and stay for the performances.

Walking through Grief | Tuesdays, May 7-July 9 @ 1-3PM

A grief support group for anyone who has lost someone through death.

Ushers Needed

Looking for a way to serve at MUMC? Some ushers serve monthly while others serve weekly. Choose the service you wish to help with. Contact Bill Allen with questions or to get for more details. ballen5239@aol.com

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

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