



April 28, 2024

# LONELINESS

Isolation

9:30 AM



THE CITY

 **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.  
Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.  
Children's Sunday School is available at 11:00 AM in Whittler Treehouse.*

**PRELUDE** "How Great Is Our God" (Tomlin, Reeves, Cash)

City Band

**WELCOME**

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

**OPENING WORDS**

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 MUSIC**

- "How Great Is Our God" (Tomlin, Reeves, Cash)
- "You Are Not Alone" (Mavis Staples)

**COMMUNITY GREETING**

**CITY SINGERS** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (Howard Helvey)

**TIME OF PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

**SONG OF RESPONSE** “Never Alone” (Tan, Pratt)

## 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.**

## 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** “Spirit Fall (Dove)” (Moore, Steer)

## TIME OF OFFERING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Spirit Fall (Dove)” (Moore, Steer)

### Acknowledgements:

Series liturgy by S. Jewell S. McGhee and Barb Stanford

Cover art designed by Daniel Hilty with “Very Present Sorrow” art by S. Jewell S. McGhee

Loneliness Monologue by Elizabeth Braaten Palmieri and special music from Hazel

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](mailto:ballen5239@aol.com)

For this week's event calendar, visit [moumc.org/calendar](http://moumc.org/calendar).

Submit your connect card and share prayer concerns at [moumc.org/comm-card](http://moumc.org/comm-card).

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