



AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 01.04.26

### GATHERING

Gathering Music

Glory to God in the Highest

Jennifer Mitchell, violin

Gathering

\* Call to Worship

\* Song of Faith

We Three Kings

UMH 254

### ENGAGING

The Brown Bag Mystery Tour

Suzy & The AUMC Young Ones

*Children and youth of all ages and stages are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary to hang out with Rev. Rebecca as we discover the surprise awaiting us in the Brown Bag.*

Prayer for Illumination

The Story

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

Act of Praise

Bethlehem's Treasure

Jennifer Mitchell, violin

Message

What do you fear? Fear Doesn't Stop Us

Rev. Patrick McLaughlin

### THANKSGIVING

Call to the Table

Emmanuel

UMH 204

Gathering at the Table of Christ

*As you come forward to receive communion you are invited to place your tithes, offerings, and Connections Card in the plate. Everyone is invited to the Feast of Grace. Gluten-Free crackers and a dedicated Gluten-Free cup are available to the pastor's left. If, for any reason, you are not able to partake of the bread and cup, know that you are still welcome to celebrate with us. Simply come forward with arms crossed over your chest and the pastor will be honored to offer a blessing for you.*



The Great Thanksgiving | The Lord's Prayer | Breaking the Bread | Sharing the Feast |  
Music for Feasting | Returning Thanks

## SENDING

### Next Steps

These upcoming opportunities are a chance to take next steps in our faith, growing deeper in God, and carrying this week's message into the world. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite others to join us.

- \* Story in Song
- \* Blessing

We've Seen God's Face

### Parting Music

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Ministers: The People

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Guest Speaker: Rev. Patrick McLaughlin

IT Director: Brent Henry

Worship Leader: Bonnie House

Tech Team: Mike Slavik & Joseph Slavik

Guest Musician: Jennifer Mitchell, violin

Candle Lighters: Our Youth



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**A**s United Methodists, we believe in open hearts, open minds, and open doors. The congregation of Avondale United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, is open to all of God's children. We welcome, include, fully affirm, and celebrate the lives of all people. People of all physical and mental ability, race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, gender expressions, family structure, marital status, socio-economic class, faith history, and sexual orientation are welcome, affirmed, and loved here. We believe that all individuals are created by love in God's image. As a Reconciling Ministry Church, we strive to create a safe space and a community that enriches the life of each person. We embrace our diversity and invite all to be a vital part of our church family and ministry. ~  
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