

**AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**THE  
WALK  
HOLY LISTENING**



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## GATHERING

Gathering Music

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Gathering

### \* Call to Worship

One: Blessed and Righteous God,

**All: your truths and grace are revealed to us  
as we search your Holy Word.**

**We come today, to listen to the Word of the Lord.**

One: Gracious God,

**All: you help us to know you through your Holy Word,  
which guides and blesses us.**

**We come today, to worship the Lord our God.**

One: Holy God,

**All: we gather to worship and praise you,  
to learn from your Word in fellowship with others.**

**We come today, to praise the Lord our God.**

One: Amen.

**All: And amen.**

### \* Song of Faith

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

UMH 206

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I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars  
to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run  
with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

I Want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness,  
shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

ENGAGING

The Brown Bag Mystery Tour

R<sup>2</sup> & 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.*

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Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the World  
Every shade from dark to light

All are precious in His sight  
Jesus loves the little children  
of the world.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 19:1-14a | 2 Timothy 3:10-17

\* Song of Faith

*Wonderful Words of Life*

UMH 600

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Sing them over again to me,  
wonderful words of life;  
let me more of the beauty see,  
wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty  
teach me faith and duty.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful word, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
  
Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
wonderful words of life;  
sinner list to the loving call,  
wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given,

wooing us to heaven.  
Beautiful words, wonderful word,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful word, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
  
Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all  
wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
sanctify forever.  
Beautiful words, wonderful word,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful word, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

Message

*The Walk: A Living Hallelujah*

THANKSGIVING

Call to Prayer

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

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Offering Our Generosity

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Prayer of Dedication

**Loving One, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others so that all your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

Upcoming

\* Song of Faith

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

FWS 2158

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I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,  
let me walk close to thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord to thy shore.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Blessing

Parting Music

*Siyahamba*

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## Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak  
Ministers: The People  
Music Director: Kevin Hershberger  
Guest Musician: Aaron Roberts  
Worship Leader: Linda Klemp  
Tech Team: Mike Slavik & Jason Wimberley  
Candle Lighters: Cora Slavik & Finely Frank

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**Prayer for Illumination** by Clara Welch, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life: Leader Guide*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019) 22; alt.

**Walking Our Faith** and **Prayer of the Week** adapted from: Hamilton, Adam. *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019) 52, 60, 62.

**Prayer of Dedication** adapted from a prayer by David Bell © 2007 General Board of Discipleship. *Worship & Song: Worship Resources Edition*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011) 53.

## Walking Our Faith: Daily Digs into the Word

As we continue to adopt practices that strengthen our discipleship, our walk with Jesus, let us make a daily habit of holy listening. We do this by paying attention to where we discover God in the world around us, the arts, and in the stories of our neighbors, be they family, friend, or stranger. We also practice holy listening by daily digging into Scripture.

This week we build on our practices of weekly worship and daily prayer, by adding daily readings from the Bible. Take your dominant hand and clench it. This represents your study with others in community. The five digits of your unclenched hand are a reminder to read at least five verses of Scripture a day for 5 days. As you grow in this practice add to it by reading one chapter a day for five days. This gives you a couple days to catch up if you just so happen to get behind.

Source: Hamilton, Adam. *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. (Nashville:Abindon Press, 2019) 52, 60.

## Daily Prayer for the Week

Lord, teach me to listen. Help me to pay attention to the ways you are revealed in the world around me—in my everyday life. But also, dear Lord, help me to read and study the Scriptures, finding in them the words of life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Source: Hamilton, Adam. *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. (Nashville:Abindon Press, 2019) 62.

## Daily Readings for the Week

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. This week's readings remind us of the diverse nature of God's general revelation and special revelation. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week as we practice holy listening.

Monday ... Genesis 9:8-16  
Tuesday ... Matthew 5:14-16  
Wednesday ... John 14:26 and 16:13

Thursday ... Psalm 119:105  
Friday ... 1 John 4:1  
Saturday ... Romans 1:20a

