

AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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GATHERING

Gathering Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Gathering

* Call to Worship

One: God has gathered us to this place,

**All: where we hear those stories
which show us what the kingdom of God is like.**

One: God summons us to this place,

**All: where we can learn how to serve our God
without reservation, or hesitation.**

One: God will send us from this place,

**All: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

* Song of Faith

Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

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Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

ENGAGING

The Brown Bag Mystery Tour

R² & The AUMC Young Ones

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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

Joshua 24:14-15 | Micah 6:6-8

* Song of Faith

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

HERE I AM, LORD | WORDS: Dan Schutte | MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988 | All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense ## 741663-A.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Message

The Walk: A Living Hallelujah

THANKSGIVING

Call to Prayer

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

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Prayers of the People

UMH p. 877

One: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Offering Our Generosity

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Musical Offering *Spirituals Medley* Gwyn Roberts, vocals

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STEAL AWAY TO JESUS (UMH 704) | STEAL AWAY | WORDS: Afro-American spiritual | MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. ad arr. by William Farley Smith, 1987 | Adapt. and arr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House | CCLI Song #549474 | All rights reserved. Reprinted under CCLI#20356168

* Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

OLD 100th | WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; alt. | MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 | CCLI Song#56204 | All rights reserved. Reprinted under CCLI #20356168.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Maker, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, we like to practice random acts of kindness. Your Word even confirms that we further your kindom when we show kindness and compassion to another person. We pray that Jesus’ life and teaching may be our example for sharing intentionally our talents, prayers, time, witness, and offerings. We humbly give this offering as an expression of our faith. Amen.

SENDING

Upcoming

* Song of Faith *Together We Serve* FWS 2175

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Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God’s world
to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray

through sorrow and joy,
extending your love
to the last and the least.

We seek to become

a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart
and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ
in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely,
and all who need care.
We offer a home

to those who will come,
our hands quick to help,
our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus,
in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love
is the strength of our song.

Blessing

Parting Music

Freely, Freely

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Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Ministers: The People

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Guest Musician: Gwyn Roberts, vocals

Worship Leader: Johanna DeSchepper

Tech Team: Brent Henry & Stephanie Johnson

Candle Lighters: Molly McDaniel & Lily Slavik

Walking Our Faith: Serving God by Serving Others

As we continue to adopt practices that strengthen our discipleship, our walk with Jesus, let us make a daily habit of greeting the day with the simple affirmation inspired by both Joshua and Isaiah, “Here I am, Lord. Today I choose to serve you!”

This week we build on our practices of weekly worship and daily prayer, and holy listening by adding daily acts of kindness. Take your dominant hand and clench it. This represents your service alongside others through this church. We have many opportunities to serve. Perhaps you’ll think of other ideas for service with untapped potential. The five digits of your unclenched hand are a reminder to serve others by pursuing five intentional acts of kindness toward someone else every week. As this practice becomes second-nature, grow in your discipleship by increasing to five acts of kindness a day. Serving God by serving others is how we transform the world.

Source: Hamilton, Adam. *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. (Nashville:Abingdon Press, 2019) 83.

Daily Prayer for the Week

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will; rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing; put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted to you or brought low for you. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Source: *Wesley’s Covenant Prayer*, modernized. Hamilton, Adam. *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. (Nashville:Abingdon Press, 2019) 76.

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 importance of serving God by serving others. Together let’s go deeper into God’s Word this week.

Monday ... Matthew 20:26b, 28

Tuesday ... Ephesians 2:10

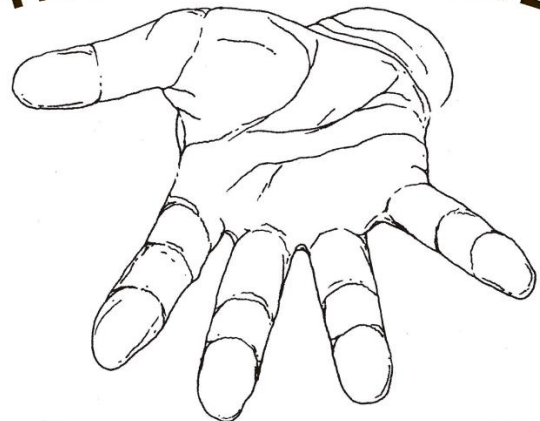
Wednesday ... Isaiah 1:11-13, 17

Thursday ... Proverbs 31:8-9

Friday ... Matthew 25:31-46

Saturday ... Mark 12:30-31

THE CALL TO SERVE



**DAILY: 1 ACT OF KINDNESS
TOWARD SOMEONE ELSE**

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Call to Worship written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies website as found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/call-to-worship-prayer-proper-27a.html>.

Prayer for Illumination adapted from a prayer by Clara Welch, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life: Leader Guide*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019) 33; and Adam Hamilton, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019) 84.

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) 76, 83.

Prayer of Dedication by David Bell © 2007 General Board of Discipleship. *Worship & Song: Worship Resources Edition*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011) 55, alt.