

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Avondale United Methodist Church

Wandering Heart

"Teach me"

Every Sunday: Small Groups @ 9 a.m. | Worship @ 10:10 a.m. | Prayer Circle @ 11:20 a.m.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

They'll Know We Are Christians

Gathering

* Call to Worship

* Song of Faith

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

ENGAGING

The Brown Bag Mystery Tour

R² & 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

Scripture

Psalm 119:9-16 | Matthew 18:15-22

Song of Faith

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

Message

Wandering Heart: "Teach me"

Affirmation of Faith

THANKSGIVING

Call to Prayer

Make Us One

FWS 2224

Call to Confession | Prayer of Confession | Words of Forgiveness

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Offering Our Generosity

One of the ways we give thanks to God at Avondale UMC is by meeting God's generosity with our own. The Connection Card in the bulletin is a tool for offering to God our acts of discipleship throughout the previous week. It's also a place to share with the pastor any prayer requests. As the offering plate comes your way, we encourage you to connect with your nearest neighbors.

Musical Offering *May It Be* Gwyn Roberts, vocals

* Doxology UMH 95

* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Upcoming

These upcoming opportunities are a chance to carry this week's message into the world. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite others to join us.

* Song of Faith *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* UMH 557

Blessing

Parting Music *Bind Us Together*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Ministers: The People

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Guest Musician: Gwyn Roberts

Worship Leader: Bonnie House

Candle Lighters: Our Youth

Tech Team: Mike Slavik & Jason Wimberley



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“Teach me” | The 5th Sunday in Lent

Open book: Peter’s posture toward Jesus is that of an open book. He is eager to learn from Jesus all he can glean. In this week’s text, he wants to know all about the nature of forgiveness and grace.

This Week’s Centering Practice for Wandering Hearts | Center yourself through journaling. Spend a few minutes writing about the joys and concerns on your heart.

This Week’s Journaling Prompts for Wandering Hearts | **Sunday:** What questions would you like to ask God? | **Monday:** Where in your life are you hungry to be a student? What would you like to learn more about? | **Tuesday:** Who in your life needs forgiveness? | **Wednesday:** Who in your life models healthy curiosity? What can you learn from them? | **Thursday:** When you hear Jesus’ disciples call him “Teacher,” what does it tell you about God? What does it tell you about us? | **Friday:** When in your life have you received grace? How did it impact you? | **Saturday:** Is there anything you need to forgive yourself for? If so, how do you find forgiveness for yourself?

Teach Me

Teach me about the ways of the wind,
about the ways of the world,
about the ways of the heart.
Teach me about the soft crook of my lover’s
arm,
and the way two souls can hold each other
close.
Teach me about forgiveness, about the
language of *I’m sorry*
and the softness of sincerity.
Teach me about abundance, about *seventy-*
times-seven
and *all the days of my life*.
Teach me about joy, about its contagious
weaving
and its soul-healing.
Teach me about mercy, about open hands
and deep breaths.
Teach me about the dawn of time and the
stars in the sky.
Teach me what matters most.
Teach me what is mine to do.
Teach this aching curious heart
until I run out of questions
or I run out of days.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
and I will have a life well-lived.



Seventy-seven Times | digital painting
Inspired by Matthew 18:15-22
Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman