



GATHERING

Gathering Music *His Eye In on the Sparrow* Joel Morrison

Gathering

* Call to Worship

* Song of Faith *Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture*

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.

Scripture Luke 15:1-7

Song of Faith *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH 138

Message *everything [in] between: lost & found*

Affirmation of Faith

THANKSGIVING

Call to Prayer *Breathe, Listen, and Notice*

Call to Confession | Prayer of Confession | Words of Forgiveness

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Celebrating 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 *How Can I Keep from Singing* Joel Morrison

* Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

* Prayer of Dedication

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.

* Song of Faith

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

* Blessing

Parting Music

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Guest Musician: Joel Morrison

Ministers: The People

Worship Leader: Judy Jensen

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As 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. ~ Adopted November 2019





everything [in] between **lost & found**

Parable of the Lost Sheep: Herding sheep is a never-ending task. As soon as one is found, another may go missing. Our lives have a similar ebb and flow—in one moment we might feel like we have it all together, and in the next, we're struggling to survive. The promise of this parable is that no matter how "lost" we feel, the Good Shepherd is by our side.

This Week's Centering Practice for everything [in] between | Center

yourself in scripture. Read Luke 15:1-7 a few times through. Read it in several translations.

This Week's Journaling Prompts for everything [in] between | **Sunday:**

Have you ever been lost? How did it feel? |

Monday: Have you ever been found? How did it feel? |

Tuesday: Have you ever rejoiced in finding something or someone you lost? |

Wednesday: Who has been a guiding presence for you in times when you felt lost? |

Thursday: Have you ever wandered away from safety and security? What did you find? |

Friday: In this season, are you feeling lost, or found, or a bit of both? |

Saturday: Who in your life might be feeling lost? How can you be a guiding presence for them?



Lost and Found

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Newspaper & gold leaf collage with digital drawing

The Good Shepherd

Jesus said,
"Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"

Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
"This man doesn't understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"

But maybe God was not talking about us.

Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.

Maybe God was talking about
her own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

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