

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Avondale United Methodist Church

Wandering Heart
"And I hope"

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Up from the Grave He Arose

Mike Slavik, Trumpet | Kevin Hershberger, Piano

Gathering

* Call to Worship

* Song of Faith

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302 (vs. 1-3, 5)

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

Luke 24:1-12

Act of Praise

Glorious Morning

Courtney Koval, Vocals | Kevin Hershberger, Piano

Message

Wandering Heart: "And I hope"

Affirmation of Faith

THANKSGIVING

Call to the Table

Come to the Table

FWS 2264

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 in 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.



Invitation | The Great Thanksgiving | The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

Breaking the Bread | Sharing the Feast

Musical Offering

Mike Slavik, Trumpet | Kevin Hershberger, Piano

Easter Medley

Returning Thanks

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

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

UMH 306

Blessing

Parting Music

He Lives

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Worship Leader: Aaron Roberts

Tech Team: Brent Henry & Stephanie Johnson

Ministers: The People

Guest Musician: Mike Slavik

Guest Musician: Courtney Koval Scahill

Candle Lighters: Our Youth



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“And I hope”

Easter Sunday

Sunrise: As the sun rises on the third day, Peter holds onto hope as he runs to the empty tomb to see with his own eyes the abandoned linen cloth. With each

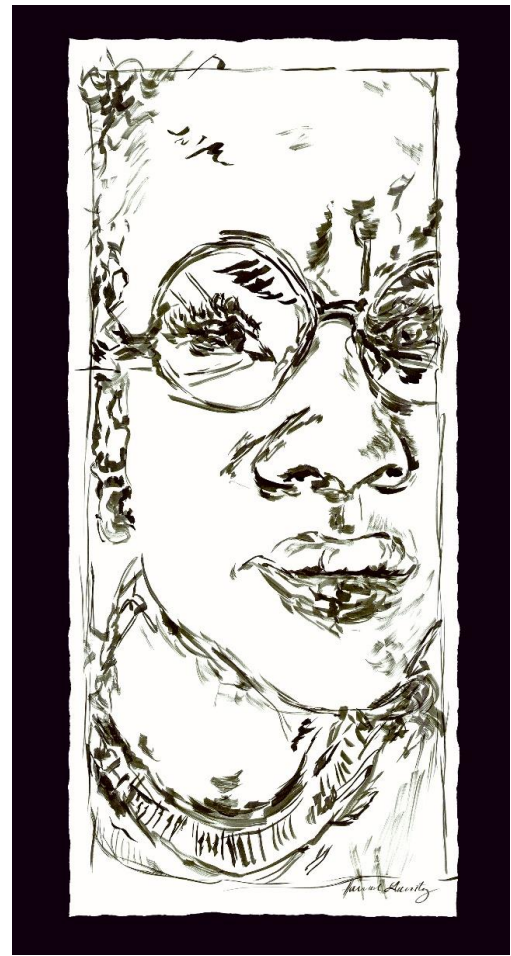
new day, we hold onto hope for new life and resurrection.

This Week’s Centering Practice for

Wandering Hearts | Center yourself in the darkness and light. Light a candle. Honor the darkness and see how the light shines.

This Week’s Journaling Prompts for

Wandering Hearts | **Sunday:** Peter runs to the empty tomb (Lk. 24:1-12). What are you running toward? | **Monday:** What gives you hope? | **Tuesday:** What thing, people, and events fill you with awe? | **Wednesday:** How would you describe where you are in your faith journey? | **Thursday:** What emotions are you experiencing this first week of Easter? | **Friday:** How did you grow or learn during this Lenten season? | **Saturday:** Where are you experiencing new life? Where are you beginning again?



Where?
ink on paper | inspired by
Luke 24:1-12 | by Hannah Garrity

Easter Morning

I cannot stay away on Easter Morning.
Like Peter,
I would run if I could.
Stop the car,
pump my arms,
take the church steps two at a time,
all to know—
Did it happen?
Did it *really* happen?
Is evil no match for love?
I’d slide down the center aisle.
I’d grab the mic to ask
the angels,
the heavens,
the children,

Were the stories true?

And in response, the choir would sing,
“Alleluia.”
The children would flower the cross.
The preacher would tell me the stone was
rolled away.
The people would pass the peace,
and welcome strangers,
and make room in the pews.
And with faith over doubt,
I would hope.

For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness
would be enough for Peter,
and it would be enough for me.