



**GATHERING**

Gathering Music *At the Cross* Pete Fucinaro  
 Gathering  
 \* Call to Worship  
 \* Song of Faith *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH 121

**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.*  
 Scripture Luke 19:1-10  
 Song of Faith *Righteous Mercy*  
 Message *everything [in] between: righteousness & mercy*  
 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  
 Celebrating Generosity Judy Jensen  
*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 *Amazing Love* Pete Fucinaro



\* 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

*Just as I Am*

UMH 357

\* Blessing

Parting Music

*Just as I Am*

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Guest Musician: Pete Fucinaro, saxophone

Candle Lighters: Our Youth

Ministers: The People

Worship Leader: Kathy Irvine

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## **AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**A**s 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 righteousness & mercy



**Zacchaeus greets Jesus:** The crowds grumble at Jesus' self-invitation to stay with Zacchaeus, and their righteous indignation isn't without cause. As a tax collector, Zacchaeus has extorted money and acted in collusion with the empire, using his position to oppress his own people. It is important to call out oppression, and yet, Jesus offers mercy. That mercy then begets more mercy as Zacchaeus, unprompted, offers to return what he took, and then some.

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

| Center yourself in scripture. Read Luke 19:1-10 a few times through. Read it in several translations.

### This Week's Journaling Prompts for everything [in] between

| **Sunday:** When Jesus dines with Zacchaeus, both the Pharisees and Zacchaeus are shocked by Jesus' mercy. Have you ever been stunned by an act of mercy? |

| **Monday:** Have you ever struggles with righteous indignation? What kinds of things trigger that feeling for you? |

| **Tuesday:** Have you ever witnessed someone receiving mercy that you feel didn't deserve it? |

| **Wednesday:** When have you felt righteous anger? What do you do with that anger? |

| **Thursday:** Can we find balance between righteousness and mercy? Do we need to? |

| **Friday:** What does it look like to show mercy and still hold people accountable? |

| **Saturday:** Have you ever received mercy that felt undeserving?



Zacchaeus

by Lauren Wright Pittman  
*Digital painting*

# Righteousness & Mercy

As children we were taught to tell the teacher.  
(Justice was dealt when we spoke up.)  
As children we were taught to always be kind.  
(Friends were made when we spoke love.)  
As children we were taught that Zaccheus climbed a tree.  
(But we cut that tree down a long time ago.)  
So what are the rules for this day and age?  
Can we turn black and white into shades of gray?  
Do we call each other out, for righteousness sake?  
Do we call each other in? Do we grab something to eat?  
As always, love is somewhere in between.

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## Holy Week in the Northland

*With Avondale, Faubion, Gashland, McMurry, and North Cross United Methodist Churches*

### Holy Thursday

7 p.m. on Thursday, April 17  
Avondale UMC  
Rev. Clayton Peak, preaching

### Easter Sunrise

6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 20  
McMurry UMC  
Rev. Jen Shelton, preaching

### Good Friday

7 p.m. on Friday, April 18  
with combined choir (rehearsals from 7-7:45  
p.m. beginning 4/9 @ NCUMC)  
North Cross UMC

### Easter @ Avondale UMC

Easter Continental Breakfast  
7:45-9 a.m. in Wesley Hall

Small Groups  
9 a.m. for all ages

### Easter Egg Hunt

11 .m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 19  
McMurry UMC

Worship  
10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Guest musician: Mike Slavik, trumpet

