



everything [in] between

righteousness & mercy

EVERY SUNDAY: SMALL GROUPS @ 9 A.M. | WORSHIP @ 10:10 A.M. IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Avondale United Methodist Church | 04.06.25

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

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 19:1-10

Song of Faith

Righteous Mercy

Message

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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

Ministers: The People

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Worship Leader: Kathy Irvine

Guest Musician: Pete Fucinaro, saxophone

Tech Team: Mike Slavik & Brent Henry

Candle Lighters: Our Youth



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*To connect with us on Slack for general church chats and/or the Prayer Chain
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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



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

Worship

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

