



AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 12.07.25

### GATHERING

Gathering Music

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Rezound!

Gathering

\* Gathering the Advent Light

\* Song of Faith

*People, Look East*

UMH 202

### 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.*

The Story

Matthew 11:1-11 | Isaiah 43:19-21

Act of Praise

*Now Proclaim Messiah's Birth*

Rezound!

Message

*What do you fear? When We're Running Out of Hope, God Is at Work*

Affirmation of Faith

### THANKSGIVING

Centering Our Hearts in Prayer

Call to Prayer

Show Up

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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Rezound!

\* Doxology

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221 (v. 4)

\* 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.

\* The Story in Song

*Looking Out a Prison Window*

\* Blessing

Parting Music

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Ministers: The People

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Worship Leader: Kristy Schmitz

Guest Musician: Rezound! Handbell Ensemble

Tech Team: Mike Slavik & Brent Henry

Candle Lighters: Our Youth



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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

