

# WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here in worship today! Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or you're here every week, we want to help you take your next step in faith.

# ON THE CALENDAR

Visit [mdumc.org/events](https://mdumc.org/events) to find registration details and for a full list of all upcoming opportunities to connect!



**MEMORIAL DRIVE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## I'M NEW HERE

### STAY CONNECTED | JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWS LIST

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Stay up to date on important announcements and all that's happening in the life of the church. Visit [mdumc.org](https://mdumc.org) to subscribe to our weekly e-mail news and have all the info delivered to your inbox every Friday, or text MDUMC to 71301 to receive our text alerts.

### MDUMC KIDS

[mdumc.org/children](https://mdumc.org/children) Allyson George | [AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org](mailto:AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org)

Children are welcome and celebrated in all worship services! Children are invited to Children's Time as a part of each worship service.

## TAKING MY NEXT STEP

### READY TO JOIN? | MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Becky Bogart | [BeckyBogart@mdumc.org](mailto:BeckyBogart@mdumc.org)

Ready to call MDUMC home or ready to get involved? We're so glad to have you as part of the family. Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday, or contact Becky Bogart throughout the week to learn more about how to join, or how to volunteer.

### BAPTISM AT MDUMC

Kelly Cragg Vicente | [KellyVicente@mdumc.org](mailto:KellyVicente@mdumc.org)

We believe baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace marking us as the children of God. At MDUMC, we baptize adults through profession of faith and children as a sign of God's grace.

## GIVING

Text "GIVE" to 71301 or visit [mdumc.org/give](https://mdumc.org/give).

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### ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

TODAY, MARCH 9 | 4 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - SANCTUARY

Victoria Shorokhova, who recently won second place in the prestigious AGO competition, will be presenting a wonderful organ concert in our sanctuary. You will not want to miss hearing this rising star in the organ world!

### AN EVENING WITH SHANE CLAIBORNE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 | 5:30-7:30 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - WESLEY HALL

We've invited Shane Claiborne—speaker, activist, and best-selling author—to speak on "Radical Hospitality." Dinner and childcare available upon reservation. Visit [mdumc.org/events](https://mdumc.org/events) to register.

### SERVE HTX - SIGN UP TODAY!

MARCH 21-23

Join us for Serve HTX, MDUMC's annual churchwide service event. To find the event schedule, purchase a t-shirt, and sign up, visit [mdumc.org/servehtx](https://mdumc.org/servehtx). We are excited to serve our neighbors together!

### RINGING IN THE SPRING

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 | 6:30 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - SANCTUARY

The combined handbell choirs from Memorial Drive UMC and Chapelwood UMC will fill the sanctuary with the joyous ringing of handbells. Come celebrate this first-time event with us!

### MDUMC PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 | MAIN CAMPUS - GYM

Join us for the First Annual MDUMC Pickleball Tournament! Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner, this fun event features age divisions and doubles teams (2 players). Hosted by our youth ministry, the tournament serves as a fundraiser for our annual college scholarship initiative. We also offer exciting sponsorship opportunities—come be a part of this great cause and enjoy some friendly competition! Visit [mdumc.org/pickleball](https://mdumc.org/pickleball) to sign up today.

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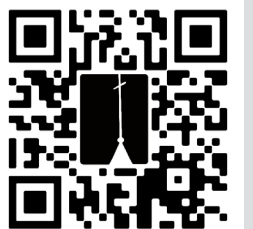
VERTICAL HABITS

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

9:30 & 11:00 AM



Scan the QR code  
to check in!



## SUNDAYS AT MDUMC

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SUNDAY MORNING

#### CLASSIC WORSHIP | 9:30 & 11 AM

Worship God in our Main Campus Sanctuary, which is surrounded by beautiful stained glass. In these services, God’s truth is proclaimed through the rich heritage of United Methodist liturgy, hymns, an inspirational message, and a more formal worship order.

#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | 9:30 & 11 AM

With a casual and friendly atmosphere on our West Campus, the Journey Contemporary Worship is a place to come as you are and leave changed by the grace of God. We connect with God through worship that combines the church’s ancient traditions with modern music and a relevant teaching message.

#### ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

Our adult Sunday school classes are a wonderful way for individuals to deepen their faith, connect with others, and grow spiritually. To see what classes are offered, visit [mdumc.org/adultsundayschool](http://mdumc.org/adultsundayschool).

#### ARISE | SUNDAYS FROM 9:30 AM | THE REFUGE

Build community and faith together with 7th-12th graders every Sunday at Arise. Whether it’s mission opportunities, music and worship, small groups or more, we always have a great time on Sunday mornings. Visit [mdumc.org/youth](http://mdumc.org/youth) for more information.

#### NURSERY & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

We want your child to feel at home at MDUMC. We have nursery & Sunday School options on both campuses for all ages so your child can learn about God’s love on their level. Our main goal is to facilitate your child’s growth and knowledge of God through activities and lessons that keep them engaged and having fun. Visit [mdumc.org/children](http://mdumc.org/children) for more information.

### GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude.....Stephen Distad, organ | *“Festive Gloria” - Aaron David Miller*

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymns of Praise.....No. 384 verses 1-3 | *“Love Divine All Love’s Excelling”*  
No. 2068 | *“I Love You, Lord”*

\*Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881 | *“The Apostles’ Creed”*

\*Gloria Patri.....No. 70

\*Passing The Peace of Christ

### HEAR & RESPOND

Children’s Time.....Allyson George

\*Scripture Reading.....Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19

Anthem.....*“Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven” - arr. Hayes*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost

Invitation to Give

Offertory.....*“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”-arr. Kingsmore*

\*Doxology.....No. 95

Scripture Reading.....Luke 15:11-32

Sermon.....Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson | Vertical Habits: *“I Love You”*

### SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn.....No. 111 verses 1, 2, 4 | *“How Can We Name a Love”*

\*Benediction

Postlude....Stephen Distad, organ | *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”- arr. Richard Unfreid*

\* Please stand as you are able.

### LUKE 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

### NOTES

*The flowers in the narthex are in honor of the marriage of Kendall Quackenbush and Mitchell Townend.*

“For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.” – LUKE 15:24