

# 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

[mdumc.org](https://mdumc.org)

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

| Kelly Cragg Vicente | [KellyVicente@mdumc.org](mailto:KellyVicente@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 send an email throughout the week to learn more about how to join or how to volunteer.

### BAPTISM AT MDUMC

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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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### SAVE THE DATE: SERVE HTX MARCH 20-22 | REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Serve HTX is our annual weekend where the MDUMC family steps out into the community to serve alongside our local partners across Houston. It's a simple way to live out our call to love God and love our neighbors—and many projects only take a few hours. Register at [mdumc.org/servehtx](https://mdumc.org/servehtx).

### HEATHER SORENSON'S REQUIEM CONCERT SUNDAY, MARCH 15 | 3 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - SANCTUARY

Join the MDUMC Music Ministry for an afternoon featuring composer Heather Sorenson. Our Choir & Orchestra will present her powerful work Requiem, a moving expression of hope and faith. Also being performed at Lincoln Center in New York later this month. All are welcome to this meaningful night of worship and music!

### HOLY WEEK MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

Join us as we journey through the story of Jesus' love, sacrifice, and resurrection. Worship opportunities will be offered throughout the week. View the full schedule at [mdumc.org/holyweek](https://mdumc.org/holyweek).

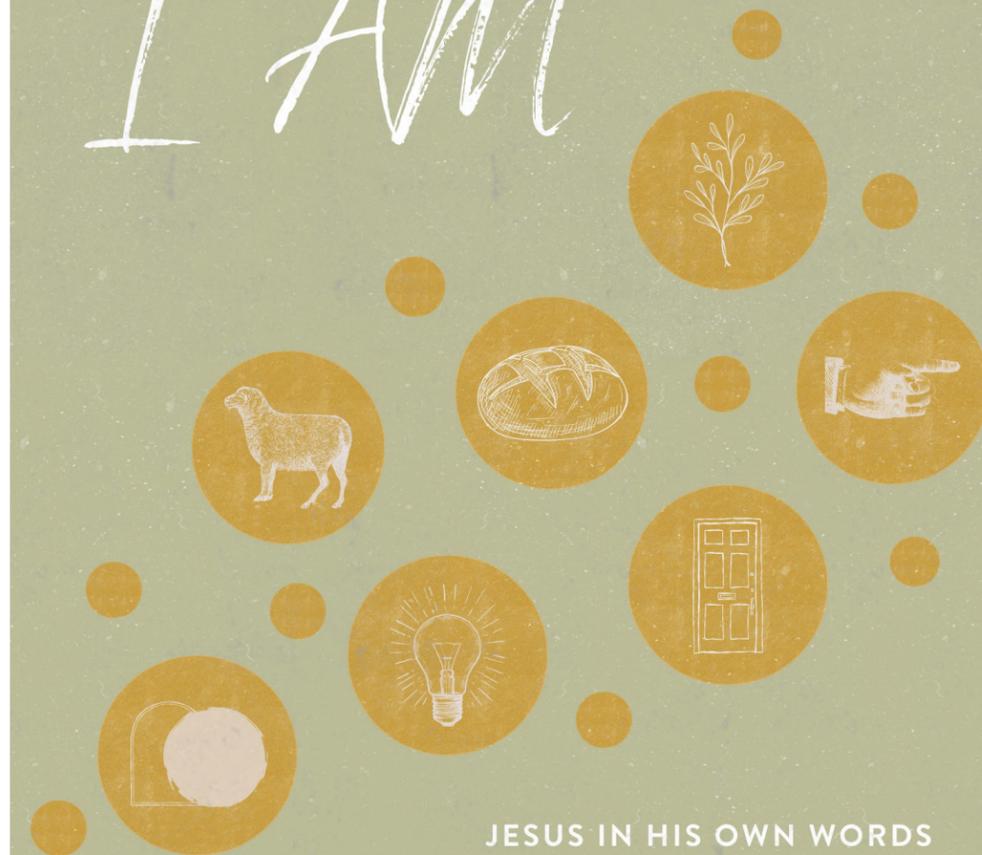
### CFF ANNUAL BANQUET: AN AFTERNOON WITH JIM NANTZ THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 11:30 AM | MAIN CAMPUS - WESLEY HALL

Join us for a special afternoon with legendary sports commentator Jim Nantz, the iconic voice of the Masters Tournament and the Super Bowl. This year's Caring Forever Foundation Banquet benefits the Jennie and Mike Baker Youth Scholarship Fund, supporting seniors at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church as they step confidently into their next chapter. Limited tickets remain - reserve yours today at [mdumc.org/cff](https://mdumc.org/cff).

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JESUS IN HIS OWN WORDS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

9:30 & 11 AM



Scan the QR code  
to check in!



## SUNDAYS AT MDUMC

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## SCRIPTURE READING

### 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 | 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 | *“Fugue in G Minor” - J.S. Bach*

\*Welcome & Call to Worship

\*Hymns of Praise.....No. 451 | *“Be Thou My Vision”*  
*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

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

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

### HEAR & RESPOND

Children’s Time.....Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 139:7-12

Anthem.....*“Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God” - Mueller*

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory.....*“We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit”- Dietrich Buxtehude*

\*Doxology.....No. 298 verse 4 | *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”*

Scripture Reading.....John 8:12-20

Sermon.....Rev. Elizabeth Duffin

### SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn.....No. 188 verses 1, 2, 4 | *“Christ Is The World’s Light”*

\*Benediction

Postlude.....Stephen Distad, organ | *“Maestoso from Concerto No. 3”- Saint Saëns*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

### JOHN 8:12-20

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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