



Have Goodwill by Sharing Rocks Covered in Love and Hope

Make more “worry stones” to give away. Collect a few rocks that have a surface large enough for a design and smooth enough to paint. You can use the rocks from the “Rocks We Carry” worship activity together (see the Intergenerational Engagement page). Take these rocks—now symbols of the hard things—and cover them in love and hope. Wash the rocks with soap and water, and dry them thoroughly. Using acrylic paint or permanent markers, each person can paint their rock with hearts. You can use Sharpies if you don’t want to you, or don’t have, paint. Once they are dry, leave them in places where people can see them (or give them away if you want) and feel hearts overflowed with gladness!

~ WDS Associate Shelley Walters



P.S. Don’t forget to send us pictures of your painted rocks. Send them to umccourtstreet@gmail.com.

Intergenerational Engagement

Be sure to download the **Intergenerational Engagement** pages for some great activities. This week we encourage you to make *Dancing Ribbons* to add some fun to your Praise God dance time in worship every week. Grab whatever ribbons you might have at home or things that can be cut up and turned into ribbon. Be sure to add some red so you’ll be ready for Pentecost Sunday. You’ll find instructions on page three of the Intergenerational Engagement pages.

Going Deeper This Week

Throughout our Easter Worship Series the good folk of The Work of the People have given permission or us to use resources that will help us go deeper and carry our worship into the week. Find a moment for some quiet reflection as you take in this video devotion by NT Wright that helps us consider what is abundance. <https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/abundant-life>

Prayer of the Week

This week we invite you to turn this beloved Psalm, in a familiar translation, into your daily prayer. You might even want to end with an Amen, “so be it.”

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

~ Psalm 23, King James Version

Daily Readings for This Week

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week.

Monday ... Matthew 9:35-38

Tuesday ... Acts 4:32-37

Wednesday ... Acts 5:12-16

Thursday ... Acts 6:1-7

Friday ... Acts 9:31

Saturday ... Acts 16:1-5

Scripture for Next Sunday ... Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 & John 14:1-14

Boost Your Heart Health

Heart of the Matter Easter Season

Dance Party Playlist Makes Spirits Soar

Each week we encourage you to move your body. We've created a "playlist" that will not only help you focus on the Heart of the Matter but also help you to be heart healthy through movement. If you have a song with heart and a good beat that you'd like to add to our playlist send us an email (umccourtstreet@gmail.com) with the name of the artist and the song title. You can find our Easter Season Dance Party Playlist on our YouTube channel under the playlist tab. Let's get moving and Praise God! Check it out at www.youtube.com/channel/UCrYU-EowoJgCN_SKSyol1og/playlists.

