

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING TALK



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WHILE TRADITIONALLY CELEBRATED DURING LENT, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT WAS NOT REALISTIC FOR ALL CHURCHES TO OBSERVE UMCOR SUNDAY IN MARCH THIS YEAR. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FIND A TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOUR CONGREGATION. THIS SCRIPT MAY BE USED TO INTRODUCE THE OFFERING DURING YOUR ONLINE SERVICE.

Feel free to adapt this resource to fit the context of your congregation. Consider sharing digital versions of the [liturgy](#) on your social media and website or handout to remind your congregation of this special day in the life of the church. Tie the fullness of this special Sunday offering talk with a coordinated [sermon starter](#) along with [children's resources](#).

WE RECOGNIZE THAT CHURCHES MAY NOT BE WORSHIPPING IN PERSON YET.

Consider sending the bulletin insert, liturgy and poster in an email ahead of time with links to give online [UMCgiving.org/giveUMCOR](https://umcgiving.org/giveUMCOR).

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus helps a man, who was born blind, to see. Building on the man's desire to see, Jesus takes what is readily available, dirt, spit and prayer, and instructs the man to go to the pool.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief's approach is similar. Prayerfully working with communities that are overwhelmed by natural or civil disasters, UMCOR builds on the strengths of what is already available and actively involves the people affected in recovery efforts.

By mobilizing trained volunteers who are already living in the community, purchasing emergency supplies and food from local merchants and channeling funds through trusted partners who are already on the ground, UMCOR is uniquely positioned to respond very quickly after a disaster and to remain invested in rebuilding, even after the needs are no longer in the spotlight. UMCOR also works with communities to train leaders to address infrastructure concerns, climate change and environmental degradation.



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Today's offering helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also support field offices and ensure adequate training for volunteer coordinators. Because we join our church's offerings with those of United Methodist congregations around the world, UMCOR remains strong in its day-to-day operations.

WHEN A DISASTER HAPPENS, UMCOR CAN RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY WITH SIGNS OF EXTRAVAGANT GRACE.

UMCOR staff are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Whether it is a global pandemic, tornadoes in Tennessee or hurricane in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, an earthquake in the Philippines, wildfires in California, a cyclone in Zimbabwe, communities lacking clean water, or persons displaced after war or famine, UMCOR is there on your behalf, working and walking with those who are most vulnerable. When you support UMCOR Sunday, you are part of a ministry that directly serves those in need during the emergency while developing longer term strategies for recovery in the years ahead.

Please don't miss the opportunity to be part of this ministry through your extravagant gracious gifts.

PLEASE GIVE ONLINE:
UMCGIVING.ORG/GIVEUMCOR

OR MAIL CHECKS TO:
UMCOR SUNDAY GCFA
P.O. BOX 340029
NASHVILLE, TN 37203.

In John 9:3-4, CEB, Jesus responded to the question of who was to blame for a man's blindness. He said, "This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me."

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND CONTINUE
GOD'S MIGHTY WORK IN THE WORLD TODAY.**



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