

# UMCOR SUNDAY

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### CREATED TO DO GOOD THINGS

This offering talk connects with the lectionary texts for the fourth Sunday in Lent in Year B (Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21). It can be adapted for whichever Sunday your church celebrates UMCOR Sunday. The offering talk is designed to coordinate with the “Created to Do Good Things” liturgy, sermon starter, children’s message and children’s bulletin.

**T**oday we celebrate UMCOR Sunday, one of six special offerings in The United Methodist Church that supports ministries shared by all churches in the denomination. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, acts on our behalf when there is a crisis.

For example, through the “Sheltering in Love” campaign, and in collaboration with health professionals, missionaries, disaster management coordinators and faith leaders, UMCOR and Global Ministries responded globally to the COVID-19 crisis.

From the Philippines to Pennsylvania, Brazil to Burundi, UMCOR worked to meet people’s daily needs such as health care, food, hygiene and job security.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities, to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times.

And UMCOR doesn’t just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds



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relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR can do this because the funds given today—UMCOR Sunday—join with those of millions of United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly to disasters.

UMCOR's 80-year history is grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, "created...for good works" (Eph 2:10 NRSV) that alleviate human suffering. Responding to people suffering from the effects of war, civil unrest, storms, wildfires, famines or floods, UMCOR steps in on your behalf in times of crisis to help individuals, families and communities too overwhelmed to recover on their own.

**Please give generously.**

### LET US PRAY

Merciful God,  
We present our gifts today  
trusting in your plan for them to do  
good things:  
Alleviating human suffering,  
Building a safer world,  
Providing aid and comfort for your  
people everywhere.  
Amen.



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