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UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



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**On United Methodist Student Day, you are invited to use or adapt this offering talk into your order of worship. It is designed to stand alone or to coordinate with the United Methodist Student Day liturgy, sermon starter, children’s message, and children’s bulletin. It is based on Isaiah 2:1-5.**

The prophet Isaiah envisions, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”

Today we celebrate United Methodist Student Day, and our offering gives young adults a financial and spiritual boost.

For example, Mireille Rhodes was raised in The United Methodist Church. She says that her Christian upbringing brought her to the right people at the right time. It was the people in her church family who helped guide her, especially through times of spiritual struggle.

We all have experienced challenges in recent years. Students have been dealing with grief and loss at a tender moment in their development. Many have also shown resilience and a strong spirit. Together we can express our care for them in practical ways. We can equip them to shape a future with hope and possibility. Your gift is a sign of trust that journeys alongside them.

During Advent, we are reminded of the unanticipated experience of God interrupting our everyday lives. God’s love in Christian community reminds us of a deeper joy that we can be part of creating. United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations contribute to community transformation, leadership empowerment, and



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building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.

When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Your contribution is an

acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

Please give generously, partnering with the next generation to walk in God's path.

Write a check to this church with "UMSD" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).

## OFFERING DEDICATION

Holy Teacher, thank you for the opportunity to partner with other congregations in a special offering to support the next generation of young disciples on their educational journey. Multiply these United Methodist Student Day gifts to benefit not just the students who receive them, but everyone they touch as they learn your ways and walk your path. Bless these gifts to spread peace throughout your creation. Amen.



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