

SPECIAL  
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST  
STUDENT DAY

LITURGY



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While your congregation may observe it at any time, United Methodist Student Day is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Sunday of November. In 2021, the date coincides with the First Sunday of Advent. This liturgy is based on the lectionary readings for November 28, 2021 and can be adapted for any Sunday and to fit your context. Consider inviting students in the congregation to lead the prayers.

The sermon starter, offering talk and children's message are designed to work together with the liturgy or may stand alone to celebrate United Methodist Student Day in your congregation.

## INVOCATION

(Inspired by Psalm 25:1-10 and 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)

To you oh God we lift our souls!  
We gather today asking you to make known your ways,  
    To teach us your paths,  
    To lead us in your truth.  
Celebrating United Methodist students today,  
Increase and enrich our love for them  
    in ways that support and nurture their  
    studies and dreams.  
Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather seeking signs of God with us.

**People: Make us to know your ways, Holy God.**

Leader: We gather with hope that Christ is coming.

**People: Teach us your paths, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We gather with anticipation that God will increase and enrich our love.

**People: Lead us in the Spirit of truth.**

**ALL: We gather as your students, waiting for your instruction.**



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## **OFFERING BLESSING**

Paul asks, “How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel?”

(1 Thessalonians 3:9)

In response, we present our offerings with steadfast love and we pray:

Teaching God,

bles and multiply these gifts

as they join with those across The United Methodist Church

Creating a path of wisdom and opportunity for all of your children.

Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

Go into the world today, continuing to learn and live with a spirit of hope.

May you increase and enrich your love

for God’s people just as Christ loves you.

May holiness cause your hearts to be

strengthened, as the Spirit guides you to teach others about Divine love through your words and actions.

Go in peace.



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