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Mission Moment

Imagine not being able to enter a place of worship on a Sunday morning or not being able to participate in a Sunday school class or small group. Imagine not being able to participate or communicate during a worship service. These are things often taken for granted by most churchgoers. We observe Disability Awareness Sunday each year so that we keep in front of us those among our congregations and communities who are differently abled.

At the time of the last United States census, nearly one in five Americans were reported to have a disability such as hearing, seeing, walking, as well as mental impairment and aging populations are the most vulnerable.

Each year, The United Methodist Church observes Disability Awareness Sunday as a reminder that the church is called to be in ministry with all of God's children, regardless of abilities and needs. It is a Sunday when we are called to look for the overlooked and to listen for those with no voice.

We are reminded on Disability Awareness Sunday that the doors of our church must swing open wide enough for all of God's children.