



March 1, 2026
 Second Sunday of Lent
 The Reverend Jeff Pullium

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter Into His Gates

Robert Scoggin

* HYMN

159 Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain: Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name

1 Come Christians follow this triumphant sign.

The hosts of God in unity combine.

Refrain

**2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.**

Refrain

**3 O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree,
 as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

Refrain

**4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

* GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* OPENING PRAYER

God of amazing compassion,
 lover of our wayward race,
 you bring to birth a pilgrim people,
 and call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world.
 We pray for grace to take your generous gift
 and step with courage on this holy path,
 confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us,
 made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father
 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end.
 Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
 by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 that, as the Scriptures are read
 and your Word proclaimed,
 we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-4a

Old Testament p. 12

PSALM

Psalm 121

response 2

UMH p. 844

Sung Response: In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
 From where does my help come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.**
 The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
 the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.
**Behold, the One who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.**
 The Lord is your keeper;
**the Lord is your shade
 on your right hand.**

The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will keep you from all evil,
 and will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.

Sung Response

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

New Testament p. 187

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

New Testament p. 114

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Horman

Text: John 3:16

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Pullium

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
 Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

Saving God,
 you are the giver of living water,
 the source of deepest compassion,
 the fountain of eternal life.
 Therefore we pray to you:
 Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are thirsty—
 thirsty for a life of meaning,
 thirsty for a word of grace,
 thirsty for a drink of water...
 Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are weary—
 weary from life's long journey,
 weary from quarreling and testing,

weary from pain or grief...
 Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are broken—
 broken by sin and suffering,
 broken by shame and rejection,
 broken by acts of violence...
 Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, through your spirit,
 pour your love into our hearts,
 your grace into our lives,
 your healing into our world,
 until the earth is filled with your glory
 as the waters cover the sea;
 through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

INVITATION

Christ, our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
 who earnestly repent of their sin
 and seek to live in peace with one another.
 Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
 we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
 we have broken your law,
 we have rebelled against your love,
 we have not loved our neighbors,
 and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful obedience,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Leader to people) Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(People to leader) **In the name of Jesus Christ,
 you are forgiven.**

(Leader and People) **Glory to God. Amen.**

* THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Panis angelicus

César Franck

Translation of the Latin by St. Thomas Aquinas:

The manna becomes the food for mankind.
 The bread of heaven gives form to the imagination.
 What a miracle!
 The manna becomes food for the needy, the burdened, and the lonely.

We pray to you, triune and one God
 That you come to us as we hold you holy;
 In your counsel, guide us in what we pursue:
 To your light, your dwelling place. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH p. 12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
 You brought all things into being and called them good.
 From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image
 and breathed into us the breath of life.
 When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
 When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights,
 you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family,
 and made covenant with every living creature on earth.
 When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights,
 you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.
 When your people forsook your covenant,
 your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights;
 and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
 heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When you gave him to save us from our sin,
 your Spirit led him into the wilderness,
 where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.
 When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life,
 presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,
 and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,
 you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,
 that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced
 to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered us here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are invited to receive the bread and cup.

Come forward at the direction of our ushers.

You will receive communion by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the juice.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

J. S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

593 Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame,
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Richard Olson

UMH p. 48

As members of this congregations,
 will you faithfully participate in its ministries
 by your prayers, your presence,
 your gifts, your service, and your witness?
We will

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE
Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jeff Pullium
Pastor in Charge	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Stephanie Quattlebaum
Lay Reader	David Johnston
Greeters	Paula Matson, Becky Rogers, Ulrike Arntz
Ushers	Millie and Jeff Huff
Acolyte	Emily Scaper
Crucifer	Josh Scaper
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir and Junior Choir
Junior Choir Director	Sawyer Branham
Violinist	Anastasia Petrunina
Vocal Soloist	Courtney Kalbacker
Communion Bread	Paula Matson
Offering Counter	Chip Matson
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

*The Flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of
Jamie Garvey's birthday by her choir.*

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Weekly Stewardship	
2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$3,644
YTD Giving	\$56,098
YTD Other Income	\$2,032
YTD Expenses	\$107,023
Attendance 2/22	Sanctuary: 129 Online: 79

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