

March 01, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM

**Those who are able, please stand*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Be wrapped up in Jesus as we move through the Lenten Season and share the missions and love of Jesus with others. Let us make a fresh start each day.

The flowers on the alter are in memory of Nellie Nutting, given by Pastor Joyce

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “The Voice of Jesus” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God’s blessings are all around us, in all the families of the earth. As human beings created in God’s own image, we carry that divine blessing that he has given to each of us. The Lord assures us that in our human lives before God we are to “first sit down and estimate the cost.” Be assured that our greatest possession—the only possession that we can never lose—is our possession of you, O God. We are God’s people. It is God who made us and we are His children now and forever. Through God we are saved and blessed. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

Leader: Come, look not just to the hills, but to the one who made the hills. Come all who need help!

People: Our help comes from God when we ask for it, the one who made heaven and earth, not just the hills.

Leader: Come, all who desire blessings!

People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. From the very beginning God has been with us in Love.

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world. God sent his only son to save each of us.

All: Let our hearts rejoice in God’s kindness and love. AMEN.

GATHERING SONG “Come and Find the Quiet Center” TFWS 2128

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you sometimes. You have kept your promise to us. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. Help us to strengthen our commitment to live as your true disciples. May we faithfully keep our Lenten promises to you in Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

TIME WITH GOD’S CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE Breathe on Me, Breath of God vs 1 UMH 420

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. In these actions and in our giving today, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing to our Church and our Community as well as Your world. Amen.

<u>SONG OF COMMITMENT</u>	“Take My Life, and Let It Be”	UMH 399
<u>SPECIAL PRAYER</u>	Prayer for Lent	UHM 268
<u>PSALTER READING</u>	Psalm 121	UMH 844
<u>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</u>	Apostle’s Creed	UMH 881
<u>GLORIA PATRI</u> <i>(We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)</i>		UMH 70

SCRIPTURE From the Gospel of John 3: 1-17

SHARING THE STORY “Turning our Faith into a Relationship” Pastor Joyce

HOLY COMMUNION (On Insert)

SENDING SONG “O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH 396

THE SENDING FORTH

As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! Go in the light of God. The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. We go now into the world as witnesses of God’s love, light, and power. Go now in peace, with God’s blessing. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE Heralds of Christ....Pianist Mavis Baldwin

LECTIONARY READER Penna Smith, Certified Lay Servant

Prayer List: Dorothy Holly, Warren Baldwin, Alyssa Bennet, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Mike Frederick, Carol Sinsigalli, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords, Don Williams

Lectionary Reader- Penna Smith, CLS

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902***

Prayer requests can also be emailed to: prayers.nmsumc@gmail.com

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

