

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

February 22, 2026

9:45 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – *Hearing assistance and large print materials are available. Please see an usher. If you have not yet reviewed the Directory information, please do so as it is passed around today.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

People: **Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Leader: Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

People: **Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

***HYMN** *Lord, Who Throughout...(vs 1-3)*

UMH 269

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ²Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from

trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. ¹¹Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**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.**

***BLESSING THE OFFERING**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH 889

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 71

**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.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

HYMN *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

UMH 382

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

MESSAGE "Need For Change"

***HYMN** *O Worship the King (vs 1-4)*

UMH 73

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** Sent Forth by...(vs 1)

UMH 664

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

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