

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* TFWS# 2088

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

And so now go—knowing that God’s steadfast love surrounds you, knowing that Christ leads through your temptations, knowing that the Holy Spirit tends you with care. Go in peace. Stay in Courage. **Amen.**

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance*
arr. Michael Burkhardt

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**



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1st Sunday in Lent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
1st SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

February 22, 2026

PRELUDE *Come Unto Him*
by J. H. Maunder

INTROIT *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* CUMC Adult Choir
by Sylvia Dunstan / French Carol

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN *He Has Made Me Glad* TFWS #2270

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

One: When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

One: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. May your Divine Spirit tend us as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness, and may we feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Many are torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Matthew 4:1-11

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Mercy in the Mess" Deborah Holland

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Just as we ask our Father for our daily bread, let us offer our gifts with gratitude, knowing that God uses what we bring to strengthen the body of Christ.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Once Upon a Tree* CUMC Adult Choir
by Pepper Choplin

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, emptying ourselves to become your vessels of love and grace and hope to all we encounter. May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.