



*1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT*

*The Gift of the Dawn*

*Windows Into the Light*

*a Lenten Journey of Grace Upon Grace*

**February 22, 2026**

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In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
~Matthew 5:16

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but forgives us and receives us as God's beloved.**

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of God,

**All: that God may teach us God's ways, and lead us in God's paths.**

Leader: Create a new heart in us, O God, and put within us a new and right spirit.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.**

### \*HYMN

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

*TFWS #2112*

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of love, we are tempted by many things, many urges and voices and powers. Help us listen to you, trust you and serve you. As we hear your Word we return to you. Help us always to return to you, in the Spirit and the company of Christ. Amen.**

## THE BASKET

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's tender mercy, we open ourselves in honesty to God.

**All: God of love, help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love, to see what is in us that is loving, and what is not loving.**

**God, we recall when we have been in harmony with you, or with life, and we give thanks.**

*silent prayer...*

**We recall when we have been out of harmony, and we seek your grace.**

*silent prayer...*

**Forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us.**

### **THE WORD OF GRACE**

Leader: God of mercy, in Christ you have shown us your gift of grace.

**ALL: This is the gift which brings us hope;**

**this is the gift which brings us joy;**

**this is the gift which brings us life.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE** *Matthew 3 : 16 17, 4:1-11*

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **MESSAGE**

*The Gift of the Dawn*

### **HYMN**

*Be Still My Soul*

*UMH #534*

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

### 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.**

## WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

### OFFERTORY

*O Day of Peace*

*UMH #729*

O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes  
And prayers and dreams  
Guide us to justice truth and love  
Delivered from our selfish schemes  
May swords of hate fall from our hands  
Our hearts from envy find release  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze  
A little child shall lead them all  
Then enemies shall learn to love  
All creatures find their true accord  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled  
For all the earth shall know the Lord

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us through trial and temptation. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect**

our desire to walk more closely with you, even in the hard places.  
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

*It Is Well With My Soul*

UMH #377

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Jubilation Ringers will practice in the Sanctuary after Worship*

*Administrative Council Meeting after Worship in the French Chapel*

As you journey through these forty days,  
may your heart be renewed,  
your faith be deepened,  
and your love be widened for all God's people.  
Go forth in the peace that surpasses understanding,  
in the mercy that knows no bounds,  
and in the hope that does not disappoint.  
And may the blessing of God —  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit —  
be upon you, remain with you,  
and lead you toward the joy of resurrection life.  
Amen.

- Bishop Tracy S. Malone President - Council of Bishops

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS February – March 2026**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

**Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

**Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

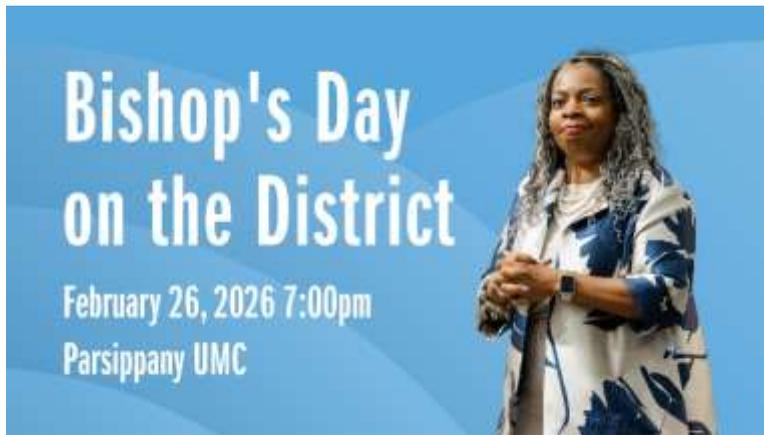
Garden of Eatin' planning meeting 7pm at church and on Zoom

**Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

**Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Worship with Holy Communion @ 10am





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& COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**Coffee fellowship info:**

The following supplies are needed for coffee fellowship:  
*packaged cookies!*

Sunday donations of bagels, cream cheese,  
sliced cheese, fruit and  
baked goods are always welcome.

See Liz Tible if you have any questions.

The Wayne Interfaith Food Pantry  
is in need of:



Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Jar Spaghetti Sauce

