

Faith Community United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 22, 2026 1st Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. Order of Worship

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Donna Dodson

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us come together all who would find favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Together let us find strength to face the texts of this world.

And let us lift each other up in prayer for God's strength in life.

For only as we serve the Lord do we grow in genuine dignity.

Then let us turn our hearts to God in joyful songs and praise!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, there are so many temptations in this world, and some of them seem so much like the ways You might have us to travel. Give us the wisdom, God, to discern between evil and truth. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

PSALM 32: UMH p. 766

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans: 5:12-19

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH #364 "Because He Lives"

Scripture Lessons for March 1, 2026:

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- Psalm 121
- Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- John 3:1-17

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