

***Second Sunday in Lent  
Service of Word and Table  
March 1, 2026 at 11:00am***

**GATHERING IN PRAISE**

***The Chiming of the Worship Hour***

***The Welcome and Announcements***

***The Prelude***

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Cook

***The Lighting of the Candles***

***The Introit***

“Gentle Shepherd”

Gaither

***The Opening Prayer***

***\*The Hymn of Praise***

“At the Cross”

No. 359 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

***The Children’s Moments***

***The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings***

***The Offertory***

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Gammill

***\*The Doxology***

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

***\*The Prayer for Illumination***

see insert

***\*The Gospel Lesson***

Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***The Anthem***

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Forrest

***The Sermon***

“Giving Up: Self-Sufficiency”

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

***The Invitation to Holy Communion***

No. 12

***The Confession, Pardon, and Peace***

No. 12

***The Great Thanksgiving***

No. 13

***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.

***The Breaking of the Bread***

***The Giving of the Bread and Cup***

***\*The Hymn of Invitation***

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

No. 357 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

**SENDING FORTH**

***\*The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

***\*The Choral Benediction***

“All My Trials”

Sinclair

***\*Postlude***

“The Old Rugged Cross”

arr. Gammill

***The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and given in loving honor of  
our newest grandchild Wells Sykes Heard,  
born on February 25,  
by Tony and Lona Rosetti.***

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion Offering** – The Communion offering this month will benefit ongoing relief for the ice storm in our state. Make checks out to First United Methodist Church and earmark them ice storm relief.

**Game Night** - Mark your calendars for our next game night which will be Wednesday, March 4. Dinner and dessert will be served. Come and join the fellowship. You may play, watch the fun or just visit with friends. Everyone is welcome!

**Hydrangeas** – The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area for Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. Call the church office to place your order by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Holy Week** – Mark your calendars to make sure you can participate in this year's holy week worship. There will be no Wednesday night activities during Holy Week.

Sunday, March 29	11:00am	Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, April 2	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 3	12:05pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 5	11:00am	Easter Worship

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

*Meetings will take place in the church library*

**Mar. 3 at 5:30pm** – Personnel and Nominations

**Mar. 10 at 10:00am** – Worship Committee

**Mar. 30 at 5:00pm** – CDC Board

**Mar. 24 at 6:00pm** – Leadership Council

## MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

### Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal – All Ages Welcome (FH)

6:00pm Small Groups  
*(Lighthouse Kids, Youth Fellowship, Adults)*

***First United Methodist Church  
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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor  
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries  
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries  
Kindal Gammill, Pianist***