

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026, Worship Service 9:30 AM

*For this mark *, please stand if you are able.*

Prelude	Bev Worthington
* Opening Hymn / Procession / Lighting of Candles	
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, UMH 66 (1 & 2)	
* Call to Worship	Together
* Opening Prayer	Adele Dow
Gathering Hymns	
Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes – TFWS 2138	
Confession of Sins / Assurance of Forgiveness	
Announcements / Joys / Passing of Peace	Adele Dow
Special Music	Choir
An African Palm	
Scripture Reading	Loranne Shoptaw
Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-8, 17-17	
Sermon	Rev. Myeong Shin Nam
No Improvement, But a New Beginning	
Centering Hymn	
I want to Walk as a Child of the Light – UMH 206 (1 – 3)	
Concerns & Prayers	
Lord's Prayer	
* Sharing the Gifts	Doxology, UMH 94
Holy Communion	
* Sending Forth Hymn	
Here I Am, Lord – UMH 593 (1 & 2)	
* Sending Forth Blessing	Rev. Myeong Shin Nam
Postlude	Bev Worthington

Today's Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a (English Standard Version)

1. Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
2. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
3. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
4. So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

John 3:1-8, 16-17 (English Standard Version)

1. Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."
3. Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
4. Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
5. Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
8. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
17. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Worship Contributors

Acolyte: Danika Wijetunga (*Next: Kalisitiane Liku*)

Worship Leader: Adele Dow (*Next: Roger Doring*)

Scripture Reader: Lorraine Shoptaw (*Next: Jim Cleaveland*)

Usher: Ysabel Zapata (*Next: Cecilio De Leon*)

Audio/Visual Team: Ethan C. /Joel Z. (*Next: Ethan C. /Joel Z.*)

Choir Director: Loren Peters | **Song Leader:** Michelle Perkins

Accompanists: Bev Worthington (Piano), Latrosse Harris (Drum),
Loren Peters (Horn), Roger Doering (Trumpet)

Weekly Programs

Sunday

- 9:30 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 10:30 AM — Fellowship (Wesley Room)
- 10:45 AM — Adult Sunday School (Library & Zoom)
- 11:00 AM — Sunday Bible Study (Small Group Room)
- 11:00 AM — The Lamp (Wesley Room)

Weekdays

- Tuesday, 10:00 AM — Senior Club (Resumes March 3)
- Wednesday, 7:00 PM — Faith & Life Conversation (Zoom)
- Thursday, 10:00 AM — Labyrinth Walk and Prayer (Until April 2)
- Thursday, 7:00 PM — Choir Rehearsal

Children & Youth

- Sunday, 9:00 AM — Children's Time (Small Group Room)
- Sunday, 10:45 AM — Youth Group (Entertainment Room)

Announcements

- ❖ **Holy Communion** – Today. **Communion Table:** Tracy Zapata
Communion Assistance: Loren Peters, Cecilio De Leon, Kolo Liku, Glenn Verano.
- ❖ **SPRC Meeting** – Sunday, March 1, 12:00 PM (Library & Zoom)
- ❖ **Council Meeting** – Sunday, March 1, 5:00 PM (Zoom)
- ❖ **Senior Club – Spring Season Begins – Tuesday, March 3.** The Senior Club will meet on Tuesdays from March 3 to May 19 (12 weeks). You are invited to contribute special teas and homemade cookies. If you'd like to help, please contact Helena Chen.
- ❖ **Labyrinth Walk and Prayer** — Thursdays, February 26–April 2, 10:00–10:40 AM.
- ❖ **Carl Feick's Memorial Service** — March 7, 1:00 PM (Sanctuary/zoom)
- ❖ **Admin Assistant Medical Leave** — March 3–6
- ❖ **Daylight Saving Time Begins** – Sunday, March 9. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before bed on Saturday night!
- ❖ **The Spire** — There will be no March issue.
- ❖ **March Birthdays:** Rose Coleman, Lana Wilson, Kent Kavasch, Ethan Chen, Cecilio De Leon, Ben Verano, Barbara Mc David, Josiah Zapata, Fatima Galdamez, Silvi Tjiam