

# First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026, Worship Service 9:30 AM

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

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## Prelude

Bev Worthington

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## \* Opening Hymn / Procession / Lighting of Candles

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, UMH 66 (1 & 2)

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## \* Call to Worship

Together

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## \* Opening Prayer

Adele Dow

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## Gathering Hymns

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing -- UMH 93

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## Confession of Sins / Assurance of Forgiveness

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## Announcements / Joys / Passing of Peace

Adele Dow

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## Special Music

Choir

Teach Us to Pray

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## Scripture Reading

Ben Verano

Matthew 4:1-11

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## Sermon

Rev. William Chou

All I Really Need to Know about Temptation

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## Centering Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days -- UMH 269 (1 - 3)

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## Concerns & Prayers

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## Lord's Prayer

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## \* Sharing the Gifts

Doxology, UMH 94

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## \* Sending Forth Hymn

The Summons -- TFWS 2130 (1, 2, & 5)

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## \* Sending Forth Blessing

Rev. William Chou

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## Postlude

Bev Worthington

# Today's Scripture

## Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

1. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.
2. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.
3. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."
4. But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
5. Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
6. 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.'"
7. Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
8. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory,
9. and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."
10. Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"
11. Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

# 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, 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)

## Offering Instructions

- ❖ You can put your donation on the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary before or during worship.
- ❖ Using Zelle: Download your bank's app or download the Zelle app at [www.zellepay.com](http://www.zellepay.com). And enter [donate@fumcsl.org](mailto:donate@fumcsl.org) where there is an email address field.

## Worship Contributors

**Acolyte:** Jericho Zapata (*Next: Denika Wijetunga*)

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

**Scripture Reader:** Ben Verano (*Next: Loranne Shoptaw*)

**Usher:** Helen Johnson (*Next: Sharon Meehan*)

**Audio/Visual Team:** Joel & Jericho Zapata (*Next: Joel & Jericho Z.*)

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

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

## Announcements

- ❖ **We are grateful to Rev. William Chou (Pastor of Formosan UMC, San Leandro)** for sharing today's message and offering the benediction while Pastor Nam is away.
- ❖ **Labyrinth Walk and Prayer** — Thursdays, February 26–April 2, 10:00–10:40 AM. A 40-minute guided walk using the labyrinth, Includes short scripture, prayer, and one simple song. Meet in the Wesley Room (next to the labyrinth).
- ❖ **Bishop's Confirmation Retreat (Ages 12–17)** — Feb 27–Mar 1 at Monte Toyon in Aptos CA. Please contact Roger Doering, Youth Teacher, if you are interested.
- ❖ **Holy Communion** — Sunday, March 1. Communion assistants: Loren Peters, Cecilio De Leon, Kolo Liku, Glenn Verano. Communion Table: Tracy Zapata
- ❖ **SPRC Meeting** — Sunday, March 1, 12:00 pm (Library / Zoom)
- ❖ **Church Council Meeting** — Sunday, March 1, 5:00 pm (Zoom)
- ❖ **Senior Club – Spring Season Begins Tuesday, March 3.** The club will meet weekly on Tuesdays through May 19 (12 weeks), from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- ❖ **Carl Feick's Memorial Service** — March 7, 1:00 PM (Sanctuary/zoom)
- ❖ **Admin Assistant Medical Leave** — February 24–27
- ❖ **Pastor Nam is currently out of town** and will be working remotely through Tuesday, February 25.