

Giving- During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails

Prayer Response

TFWS 2108 *BLACK HYMNAL*

O How He Loves You and Me

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP *Jesus Messiah* arr. Carol Tornquist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING FORTH HYMN

TFWS 2238 VS 1,3,5 *BLACK HYMNAL*

In the Midst of New Dimensions

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice in the Lord Always

arr. Carol Tornquist

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Today 9:00-Coffee Café
11:00-Snack and Chat following worship (parlor)
- Mar 4 10:00- Retired Clergy gathering (pastor's office)
1:00-Materiality as Resistance (small group)
- Mar 5 10:30-Communion with Shut-ins
- Mar 8 Daylight Savings
11:00- Pride Float meeting (Coffee Café)
- Mar 9 6:00-LGBTQ+ Joy and Challenges in Faith Communities
- Mar 11 1:00- Materiality as Resistance (small group)
- Mar 15 11:00-Women's/ Men's group formation meeting (Parlor/Coffee Cafe)



GIVING

There are multiple ways to give- in person, mail, online-
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TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

“+” is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to set out in faith.

All: The love of God leads us home.

One: Christ blesses us that we might bless others.

All: The blessings of Christ heal our world.

One: The Holy Spirit strengthens us for the journey.

All: The power of the Spirit sustains and supports us.

One: The One who made heaven and earth meets us here.

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 371 vs. 1,2,4,5 *RED HYMNAL*

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

+ UNISON PRAYER

Generous God, you created our voices, each unique. Just as you did with Abraham and Sarah, you transform our lives so they can be remarkable. Within your Church, you've drawn us together—ordinary people, complainers, prophets, and those who are confused—You have called each of us and given us a place. Help us make sure that what we say and do here, and what we reflect on and choose here, are genuine for ourselves and sincere before you, as you prepare us for life in the world where you are glorified. Amen.

+ PASSING THE PEACE

W&S 3152 (refrain) *GREEN HYMNAL*

Welcome

Please return to your pew when the music begins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are all too human, Faithful God, and so think we have nothing to learn from others, and thus discount ancestors in the faith like Nicodemus or Sarah. We look for an answer online, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle us, but not get in to transform our lives. Yet you continue to keep watch of us, Promise Giver, whether it is when we strut through the sunshine of our lives, or in those shadowed moments of uncertainty in the night. You will not stumble as you continue to come to us, to lead us into your kingdom. You will always be our help, whether we recognize it or accept it, even as you remained faithful to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Just as the wind blows where it will, God's Spirit moves in our world, calling us into ever deeper life with Christ. Hear and claim this good news. It is freely given.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12: 1-4a NRSV

GOSPEL READING

John 3: 1-17 NRSV

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Stepping into the Unknown

Pastor Jeff

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH 733 *RED HYMNAL*

Marching to Zion

TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING

Prayers for the Community

Family and friends of Tom Scott, family and friends of Olga MacDowell, Lisa and Thea, Jackie McLeod's sister Jean, Bruce McLeod's friend David, Juanita Zuder, family of Charlie Barker, family and friends of Gayle Ingersoll, Debbie, Jean Bingham, Heidi, Lexie, Jennifer, Gwen Bean, David & Kitty Stafford, Annie, Sandy.

Prayers for the World

Sudan, Erosion of coastal communities, Olympians, Nancy Guthrie and family, Violent tactics of ICE agents, peaceful protest, immigrants and refugees. All those experiencing food insecurity, Victims and families of gun violence, family and friends of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Palestine, Ukraine. Regions recovering from the winter storms and cold.

You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Psalm 51: 10

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me".

After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask another sitting near you to light a candle for you.