

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 1 March 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

\*Greeting\*\*:  
In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
**in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**  
*Isaiah30:15b-c*

\*Opening Prayer\*\*:

O God, you so loved the world  
as to give your only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believes in him should not perish  
but have everlasting life;

**Grant to us the precious gift of faith,  
that we may know that the Son of God is come,  
and may have power to overcome the world  
and gain a blessed immortality;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.)*

\*Opening Hymn: 369 "Blessed Assurance"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 479 *(Verse 4 only) (Tune 399)*  
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalter: 844 Psalm 121

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

\*Hymn of Preparation: 338 "Where He Leads Me  
I Will Follow"

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\*Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 880 "The Nicene Creed"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Moments with Youth

\*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs  
of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer  
ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving\*\*:

Gracious God of all believers, through Abraham's trust  
in your promise  
you made known your faithful love to countless numbers

**By the grace of Christ's sacrifice  
fulfill in your Church and in all creation  
the joy of your promise and new covenant.  
We offer ourselves and our gifts in glad thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 654 "How Blest Are They  
Who Trust in Christ"

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**\*Closing Prayer\*\*:**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *(Romans 15:13)*

**\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth**

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

**\*\* THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP**

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