

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 February 2026

First Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**
(THE BOOK OF WORSHIP 1965)

*Opening Prayer: 268 "Lent"

*Opening Hymn: 359 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 266 *(Verse 1 only)* "Heal Us,
Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer"

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalter: 766 Psalm 32

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-19

*Hymn of Preparation: 391 "O Happy Day"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

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Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,
Traditional Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*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: 526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Offering/Offerory

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

*Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving**:
You, O Lord, have called us to watch and pray.
**Therefore, whatever may be the sin
against which we pray,
make us careful to watch against it,
and so have reason to expect
that our prayers will be answered.
We offer ourselves and our gifts
in trust and thankfulness,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
(Susanna Wesley, England, 18th Cent., Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 269 "Lord, Who Throughout
These Forty Days"

*Closing Prayer**:
May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing

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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

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