

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 22 February 2026

First Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

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

Lighting of candles and prelude

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 266 “Heal Us, Emmanuel,
Hear Our Prayer” (*Verse 1 only*)

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

Psalter: 766 Psalm 32

Second lesson: Romans 8:12-19

Song: 468 “Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See”

Gospel lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 378 “Amazing Grace”

Blessing: 366 “For Guidance”

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth