

Upcoming events

- ✧ Bible Study Wed. 6:30pm
- ✧ Nursing Home Service Wednesdays 2PM
at DV Rehab. Mar. 4th
at DV Personal Care. Mar. 11th
at Milford Rehab. Mar. 18th
- ✧ Clothing Giveaway Mar. 14th 8AM-2PM
- ✧ Palm Sunday Mar. 29th is Children's Sunday
- ✧ Church Shirts and Easter Chocolate Eggs
are for sale.
- ✧ Would you love to be our church member?
Please contact pastor Sung.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from the evil one.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, forever. Amen



February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent, Year A

Opening Hymn

“God Is Here Today”

Welcome

Pastor Sung

Call to Worship

(Lisa Hancock. Adapted)

L: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness
full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

P: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

L: We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety,
and misuse of power for selfish gain.

P: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

L: We notice the angels waiting on Jesus, as messengers of care.

**P: We pay attention to God's merciful presence
that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

L: We cling to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**P: We worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us
into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Children's Time

Opening Hymn II

“Surely the Presence”

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Scripture Reading I:

Genesis 3:1-7

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,”³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die,⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Scripture Reading II:

Matthew 4:1-11 (Insert)

“This is the Word of God.” **“Thanks be to God.”**

Sermon

“Holy Eating and Holy Fasting”

Pastor Sung

Centering for Prayer

Silence

Prayer of People

**God of all creation,
we enter this Lent, mindful of the whole creation.
We confess how our "unholy consumption" has scarred the earth,
turning the Garden into the Wilderness.**

**We look to Jesus, the New Adam,
who stood among the wild beasts in the desert.
We thank you that in his holy fasting,
he did not abandon the world but entered the heart of its suffering.**

**As he resisted temptation by his holy fasting,
teach us a "holy fasting" from greed.
May our lives become a "holy eating" that honors the creation.
O Lord, join our groaning with your divine compassion
until the whole creation is restored...**

The Lord's Prayer (On The Screen)

Passing the Peace of Christ
“Peace be with you.” / “And also with you.”

Offering Prayer

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Closing Song “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” #269

Benediction

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Scripture Reading II:

Matthew 4:1-11

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. “This is the Word of God.” **“Thanks be to God.”**

God is here to-day as certain as the air I
 breathe, - as certain as the morning sun that rises, as
 certain when I sing you'll hear my song.