

First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, February 22, 2026

“Lent In Plain Sight”

We Gather as God’s Children

The Life and the Work of the Church

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn **We Gather Here** (Voices United 469)

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*Children depart for Spirit Kids Program*

- 1 We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.  
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here,  
we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.  
We are now a family of which Christ is the head;  
though unseen he meets us here  
in the breaking of the bread.

- 3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Anthem In Remembrance *by Beryl Red*

We Listen For God’s Word

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:4-12

Reflection “The Bread of Life”

Hymn of the Day **Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether**  
(Voices United 479)

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*Children return for Communion*

- 1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together,  
you are in the midst of them.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Touch we now your garment's hem.
- 2 As disciples used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Giver  
break the bread and bless the cup.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
So now bind our friendship up.

3 All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may be disciples true.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
In our service faith renew.

### The Holy Sacrament of Communion

#### Welcome

#### Invitation

Fellow travelers, what do we seek in this season of Lent?

**We seek bread for the journey, rest along the way,  
and most of all, we seek peace for ourselves  
and for the world.**

And where do we find peace?

**Peace is found at Christ's table,  
in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup,  
and in serving one another.**

Peace is found in the Body of Christ,  
incarnate here among us, broken and blessed for us;  
the hands that serve, the feet that bring good news.

**The Body of Christ opens the door and welcomes the  
weary, the hungry, and the lost this Lenten season.**

#### Liturgy

#### Response

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of new things.  
All creation honors you with praise and joy.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes to take hold of us.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

#### Liturgy

#### Response

**Christ lost his life so we might find ours;  
Christ was raised to life, and springs forth in us;  
Christ will come, gifting us eternity with God.**

#### Liturgy

#### The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Adapted from Matthew 6: 9-13 Words & Music Glenn Parsons*

Our God, who is in Heaven  
Holy is Your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in Heav'n.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
forgive the ways that we turn from You  
and help us to forgive.  
Lead us not to things that tempt us,  
save us from all evil,  
for Yours is the kingdom  
the pow'r and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Remembrance

#### Sharing of God's Gifts

#### Prayer After Communion

**We thank you God, for breaking into our world  
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.  
We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving  
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells.  
May we continue as disciples, sharing, listening and living  
the stories of love, grace and hope. Amen.**

# We Live Out Our Faith to Love and Serve

## Invitation to Offering

### Offering Music Fairest Lord Jesus

*CRUSADER'S HYMN. Schleisiche Volkslieder, 1842  
arranged by Becki Slagle Mayo*

### Offering Response **Give Thanks**

*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

## Offering Prayer

### Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayers

### Parting Hymn **I Saw the Rich Ones** (Work for a World) More Voices 127

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1 I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave  
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved  
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad  
and I wondered because she gave all that she had  
But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
where it's good to feel good  
about God loving you and me.

2 I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said  
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread  
and I knew something special had happened that day  
when Zacheus gave half of his riches away  
But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
where it's good to feel good about  
God loving you and me.

3 The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day  
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid  
for the ones who came later were paid just the same  
as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came  
But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
where it's good to feel good  
about God loving you and me.

## Benediction

### Postlude O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*by Carl G. Glaser AZMON, arranged by Tom Birchwood*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBUC Choir  
Chime Solo - Margaret Chambers  
The Life and Work of the Church,  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey  
Lighting of the Christ Candle and Offering Collection – The Spirit Kids  
The Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis  
Prayer of Confession – Jiemei Li  
Scripture Reader – Rev. Al Fowler  
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Myrna Pringle  
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Jiemei Li  
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group  
Flowers are offered by Christine Smith  
in celebration of the life of her husband, Dave.