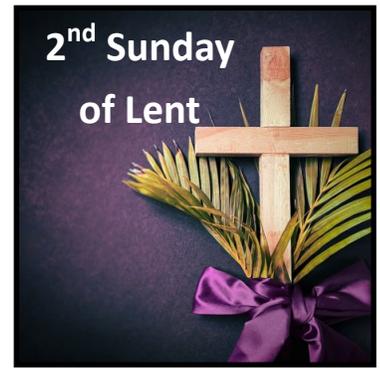


Highland Avenue  
United Methodist Church  
2st Sunday of Lent  
March 1, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

*GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD*



Words of Welcome

The Prelude

The Call to Worship: *(Nancy Townly)*

L: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

**P: We have drawn deeply of those waters.**

L: We come to the well of anger and hate.

**P: These waters flourish in all the land.**

L: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

**P: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. AMEN**

\*The Opening Hymn: **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** UMH # 92

Opening Prayer

**In this, the church's holy spring, we ask you, O God, to renew us. With a gentle breath, blow from our lives the dust of sin, and make us your people again. Lift us from guilt, and shame, and regret, to repair all we've broken, and give us the gift of repentance. With the lengthening days, stretch our hearts, too, to be ready for your risen life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Congregation's Choice: *(Please choose a favorite hymn)*

*LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD*

The Scripture Lessons: **John 4: 5-29, 39-42**      **New Testament pg. 128**

A Time for Children:

The Message: **“Where the Desert Finds Us”**

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer      **UMH # 895**

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

\*Doxology **UMH # 95**

\*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

\*The Closing Hymn: **"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS #2140**

**vs. 1,3,5**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude

LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE



*Please pray for:*

**Pastor Angela's Mom**

Harold Aziz  
Trisha Aziz  
Tom Bailey  
**Family of Art Balcomb**  
Geneva and Norman Beckwith  
Michael Breed  
Cathy Brissette  
Russell Brown  
Kendal Buck  
Cameron (Ralph's grandson)

Gretchen Clark  
Dwight Cooper  
Karen Crommett

**Family of Joan Cummings**

Danielle  
Barbara Dill  
Donna & Mike DiTaranto  
Crystal Farris

Armand Fournier  
**Phil Garwood**  
Harold and Lynn Gerard  
Carol Sue Giampitruzzi  
Greg Giampetruzzi  
Todd Goode  
Connie Greenleaf  
Kay Gregory  
The Guthrie Family  
Russell Hickey  
Samantha Hills  
Nancy Holmes  
Vicky Kelley  
Michael LaPlante  
Ann LeClair  
Kevin Lee  
Cathy &Mark Leonard  
Emily Long's grand mother and grandfather  
Lois, sister-in-law of Pat O'Connor  
Jerry Lucas  
Steve McNelly  
Joe Mertz

David Meserve  
Judy Meserve's cousins  
Jim Meserve  
Kathy Meserve  
Ellen Minotty  
Paula Moore  
Tony Morgan  
Pat O'Connor  
Dennis O'Driscoll  
Olivia & Jed  
Silvia Palmer  
Linda Pare  
Mary Parker  
Carla Parsons  
Peggy Philips  
Cheryl and Paul Poulin  
Jessie Powell  
Garry Prosser  
Sylvia Quint  
Judy Quintal  
Alton Ranks  
Sherman Family  
**Family of Kenneth Smith**  
Sandy Smith

Sullivan Smith  
Flo Sutter  
Laverne & Tim Tardiff  
Michel Tessier  
Randy and Lisa Thibeau  
Rhoda Thombs  
Rick Thombs  
Ellen Truman  
Samantha Dunn Walker  
Lorna Ulmer's brothers  
Jane Weir  
Jonathan Williams  
Bert Winslow  
Irene Wise

**People of the Middle East**  
**The Military**  
**Border Concerns**  
**People of Ukraine**  
**Victims of Violence**  
**Victims of Natural Disasters**  
**Kairos Prison**