

Worship

Sunday, February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

Prelude: *On Our Way Rejoicing* arr. Matthew Compton
Exultation Ringers

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss,
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

*So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here
for you.*

Let us worship this good-news God.

Opening Hymn: *Day by Day* Blott en Dag hymn tune

Invitation to Confession:

*You may have heard, "All is fair in love and war," ... Let us be surprised by God's
grace all over again. Friends, let us pray:*

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in
order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees
without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our
studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But
then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and
untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a
sudden, we wonder:

Can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly?

Can we be playful and curious?

Can we be messy and still be yours?

We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of
course. Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a
mustard seed, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

*God's grace is wild and unruly....the answer is and always will be:
of course, of course, of course.*

This is the good news of the gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace

Healing Prayer with Stephen Ministers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 32 UMH 766 (Matthew will lead sung response)

Special Music: *Kyrie Eleison*

Chris Tomlin

Praise Team

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32 NRSVue, John 2:1-11 NRSVue
(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: *The Good News is... so good it catches us by surprise*

Hymn of Response: *O Love, How Deep* UMH #267, vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *God of Wonders*

arr. Patricia Cota

Exultation Ringers

Doxology – Hymn 95 (Old 100th tune)

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)

Blessing (Benediction)

Closing Song: *God of Wonders*

Marc Byrd

***Please join us for the Library Open House and coffee
fellowship in the FMC Gym!***

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