

March 9th, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Preludes: "Come As You Are"
"No Longer Slaves"
"O Come to the Altar"

Welcome

Call to Worship:

In mystery and grandeur, we encounter the God of all creation.
In renewed justice and the promise of new life, we know deep love of Christ.

In the wonderful diversity in every community, the Spirit of God moves among us.

Let us worship the God of beauty, love, and wisdom. We will praise God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

Opening Prayer:

Come, let us gather and worship, remembering that Jesus, the Spirit of God upon him, came to proclaim the good news to the poor, to set the oppressed free, and to bring sight to the blind; as we open our hearts to His message, may we be transformed by the power of His word and empowered to live as instruments of hope in the world. Amen

*Song of Praise "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Children's Message Easter People: Who?

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People.

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Choir Anthem

"I Trust in You"

The New Testament Lesson: Luke 4:16-22

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*Doxology

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

UMH 328

Message:

Good News People
Representing Christ to the World
Week 1 in the Season of Lent
"Which People Are We?"

Music Ministry "I Still Haven't Found What I AM Looking For"

*Hymn

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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Benediction

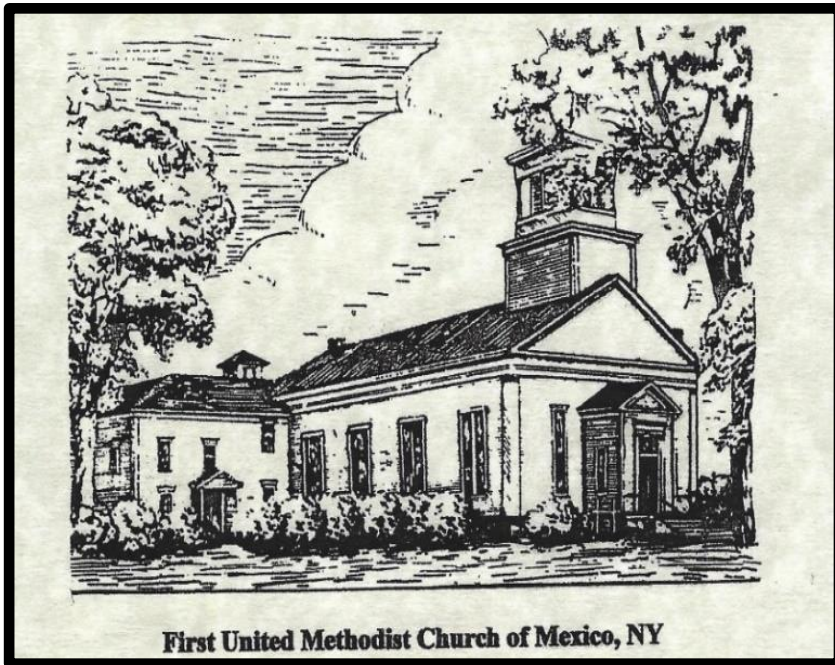
*¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,*

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

~Luke 4:18-19~

**“Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.”**

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**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**



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