

February 22nd, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

Preludes:

“Revival”
“Faithful God”
“Rise Up (Lazarus)”

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Wilderness-wanderers, holiness-seekers, listen for God’s voice today.

The Spirit whispers, “Turn around and come back home.”

It’s not too late for me, for you, for this world.

It’s not too late to take God up on God’s promises.

We claim God’s promises in each choice we make—

Each moment is a new chance to choose what gives life.

May our worship help us see those choices and turn back to God.

May our worship today say, “God, we choose you.”

Opening Prayer:

**Loving God, Your Word is near to us—
in our hearts and on our lips—
calling us to choose life.**

**As we gather this morning,
open our minds to Your truth
and give us courage to follow Your way.
Help us to love You,
walk in obedience,
and hold fast to the life You offer.
Amen.**

Lenten Candle Extinguishing

*Song of Praise

“10,000 Reasons”

Children’s Message “God’s Instruction Manual”

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

The Lord’s Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 070

Choir Anthem

“Arise, Shine!”

The Scripture Lesson(s): Deuteronomy 30:11-20

The Offertory

*”The Doxology”

UMH 095

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Gracious and generous God, Today we remember that You use ordinary hearts like ours to accomplish holy purposes. As we bring our offerings before You, we offer more than dollars and coins. We offer our time. We offer our plans. We offer our very selves. Your Word calls us: “Return to Me with all your heart.” So take these gifts, and take our hearts as well. May these offerings help feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, strengthen Your church, and prepare us for the journey to the cross. In the name of Christ, who gave Himself fully for us, Amen.

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

Message:

It’s Not Too Late
A Lenten Series Week 1
It’s Not Too Late To Choose Life

Music Ministry

“Redeemed”

*Hymn

“I Surrender All”

UMH 354

Benediction and Going Forth:

*19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
~Deuteronomy 30:19-20~*

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

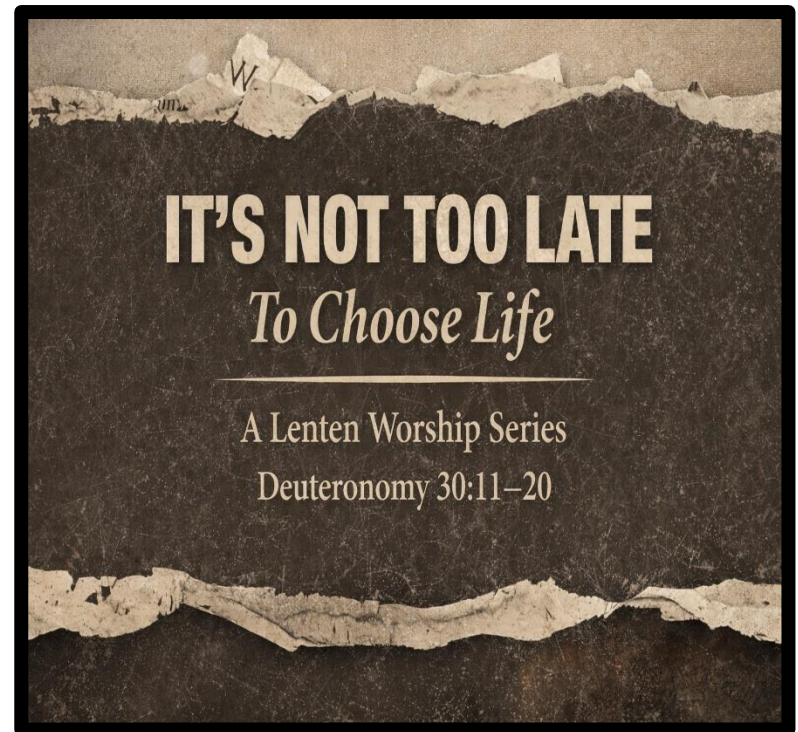


**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

First United Methodist Church

Mexico, New York

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