

†Gathering Song      *Be Thou My Vision*      UMH 451, v. 3

†Call to Worship      The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2005

Let us sing to God a joyful song.

**Let us sing of good news and hopeful belonging.**

Let us leave behind our need of signs and proof.

**Let us be receptive to the new life God creates.**

Let us rejoice because the God of grace has found us.

**Let us worship and praise God.**

†Hymn      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      UMH 139

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession      Ruth Duck, Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

**Eternal God, from the beginning of time,  
you have called your children into communion with you.**

**Yet we confess that like all the rest,  
we have turned to our own way**

**and refused your love and grace.**

**Restore us to the joy of knowing you  
and of recognizing your reign among us,**

**through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.**

*(moment of silent reflection)*

Declaration of Forgiveness *(pastor)*

Hear these words of pardon and assurance:

though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Though we quarrel and complain, God loves us.

Once we were on a journey in the wilderness,  
now Christ has become our guide and our salvation.

In him we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

In him we find our salvation.

Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith and  
the rock of our salvation.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading      Psalm 95

Old Testament Reading      Exodus 17:1-7

Message      *The Road, The Faith*      Rev. Bob Edwards

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings to God

Offertory      *Be Still My Soul*      Traditional (8:30am)

Chancel Choir Anthem  
*God Leads Us Along*      Young/Cotrell/Hooper/Fettke (11am)

†Doxology      UMH 95

†Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

## **SENDING FORTH**

†Hymn      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      UMH 140

†Benediction

†Taking the Light into the World

†Postlude      *The Almighty Lord*      R. Loree

†Indicates standing interval if you are able

*We have equipment for the hearing impaired. If you wish to use this equipment, please see an usher*

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29**

**9:00am Palm Sunday in the Park**

Join the community for Palm Sunday at J. Frank Wilson Park.  
We will not have early service at First Church.

**11:00am Palm Sunday**

Featuring a favorite song of the congregation—*The Palms*.

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2 at 6pm**

A communion and Tenebrae service

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5**

**7:30am Sunrise Service**

commencing on the lawn outside the chapel and moving into the chapel. (No 8:30am service.)

Coffee, fruit and pastries will be provided after service.

**11:00am Worship Service**

We are excited to welcome Amy Honore, cellist,  
who will join us Easter morning.

**Pastor, Rev. Faith Weedling**

**Director of Music, Jamie Eggleston, Ed.D.**

**Organist, Becky Smith**

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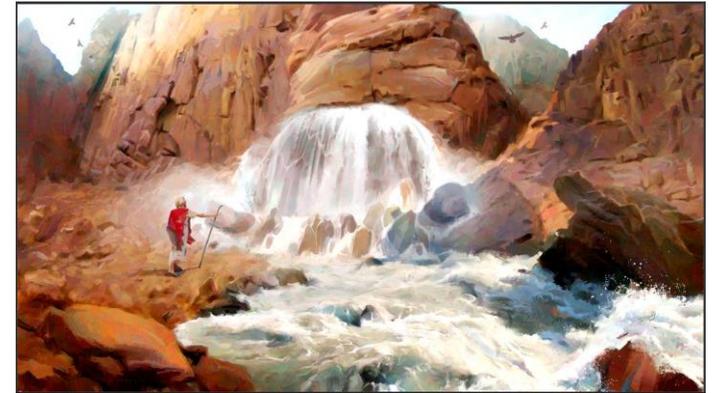
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## Welcome to First United Methodist Church

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



**March 8, 2026**

**8:30am & 11:00am**

*Welcome to this time of worship!*

*If you are a visitor, you are welcomed by the God who welcomes us all, and you are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Our offering is a way to support the mission and ministry of our church. As our guest, there is no expectation for you to give.*

### **ENTRANCE AND PREPARATION**

Prelude

*Rock of Ages*

Traditional

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing the Disciples into Worship

Words of Welcome

*Please take a moment during the service to sign our Welcome Folder and pass it down your pew so others may sign.*

†Greeting Our Neighbors