



"You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near." – Romans 13:11

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 22, 2026 – First Sunday of Lent

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Prayer"

Tetiana Afanasenko

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 32)*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

The LORD forgives those who confess their transgressions;
therefore, let all who are faithful offer their prayers.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess how we have strayed far from you and turned aside from your way. We are vain creatures misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to show love, we have neglected justice, and we have ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God. Forgive our forgetfulness. Return us to path of righteousness for your name’s sake through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #575 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“In the Shadow of the Cross”

Lee Dengler

*In the shadow of the cross, underneath its mighty arms,
There is a refuge for the soul. There is shelter from life’s harm,
For the One who suffered there has redeemed us from despair.
Come and rest in the shadow of the cross.
In the shadow of the cross on that lonely afternoon,
When the sun had fled the sky and the air was filled with doom.
Christ became our sacrifice. There is freedom in the shadow of the cross.
In the shadow of the cross, let us rest our weary souls,
For upon it, Christ the Lord has fulfilled salvation’s goal.
In the shadow of the cross let us lift our eyes to see
Christ the Lord, who is our Light, from the dark has set us free.
Let us never leave the side of the One who is our guide.
Let us live in the shadow of the cross.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:12-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“But Wait, There’s More...”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from*, The Confession of 1967

What do we believe?

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. Amen.

OFFERING

***Response: #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (v. 1)*

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

*With healing balm, my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled,
to God all praise and glory!*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: [8:30] Dick Wilson [11:00] Tobin Henry & Susan Lehmann
Greeter: Joanne Prettyman
Welcome Table: Mac Warner
Liturgist: Beth Elliott
Acolyte: Penny Nemrow

*The flowers in the sanctuary celebrate our families and our wedding on 2/20/2026;
Betsy Braddock and Jon Elliott.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone
before our worship service begins.**

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