

**Prelude** Michael Griffin  
**Welcome** Rev. Jo Ann Cooper  
**Ministry Opportunities** Christina Wilson

**Call to Worship**

*On this first Sunday of Lent, we come with our questions, and our deep longing for God.*

**Lord, meet us in the wilderness and guide our hearts to your Truth.**

*For when temptation whispers and the path feels uncertain, your Truth prevails.*

**For in every trial, You are faithful and Your Word is our strength.**

*Through fasting, prayer, and surrender, shape us into a faithful people.*

**Use our questions to deepen our faith and our relationships with one another.**

*For in Christ, the wilderness blooms endless possibilities and hope is alive.*

**Thanks be to God—our victory is found in Jesus!**

†**Opening Hymn** *Victory In Jesus* \*UMH 370

**Children's Moment**

**Blessing of Aprons**

**Offering** *Down to the River to Pray*

As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord show me the way

Oh sisters, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Oh sisters, let's go down  
Down to the river to pray

*Please take this time to register your attendance on the attendance pad provided.*

†**Doxology** UMH 95

**Prayer of Confession and words of Assurance**

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we wander from your will.  
We listen to voices that promise life but lead us into shame. We hide our failures and pretend we are stronger than we are. Meet us in our wilderness, forgive us, and strengthen us by your grace.  
Amen.**

*Hear the good news: God meets us exactly where we are. Not to condemn us, but to restore us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

*(to join our online prayer team, contact the church office)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn** *Hymn of Promise*  
UMH 707

**Scripture** *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (CEB)*  
*Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)*

**Message** *Why Am I Being Tempted?*

†**Hymn** *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

†**Benediction**

†**Sending Forth** *Awesome God* \*\*\*TFWS 2040

†**Postlude** Michael Griffin

**Next Week:**

March 1 Genesis 12:1-4a  
John 3:1-17

*Can I Really Start Over?*

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**GUESTS:**

Thank you for worshiping with us! We are glad you are here. If you would like to know more about the church or wish to join, our pastor would love to visit with you.

Email her at [church@hmumc.com](mailto:church@hmumc.com).

If you'd like to join HMUMC,  
please call or come by the office  
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Our phone number is 337-527-5483

**Acolytes:**  
Eleanor Richard  
Emery Guillotte

*\*Your attendance matters!  
Please sign attendance pads,  
with current contact information.\**

### Nursery

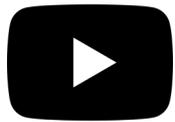
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## Henning Memorial United Methodist Church February 22, 2026



*Why Am I Being Tempted?*

### Sunday Worship Services

Sanctuary 9:00 AM

### Sunday School Classes For All Ages

10:00-11:00 AM

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#### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM  
Friday-Closed