

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday Lent

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

Pastoral Greeting:

Call to Worship:

L: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

P: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

L: When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

P: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

L: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

†Opening Hymn:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

Call to Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

P: Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. We keep silent before you, Lord we are afraid to confront our transgressions we are terrified to face the reality of our sin; we feel as if the weight of the world were upon our shoulders; we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become as we keep our failings and fears inside. Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections. Why is that simple act so difficult for us? Why do we hesitate, knowing that you stand ready to wash away our guilt? You are the sanctuary where distress cannot reach us. In your steadfast love, forgive us. In your healing caress, cleanse us. In your Holy Spirit, restore us. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

†Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles Creed" UMH #881

†Gloria Patri: UMH #70

Passing the Peace of Christ:

Prayer for Illumination:

All: Come, Holy One, search us and reveal your truths to us. May your Spirit help us truly comprehend your message for us today. Amen.

Hebrew Testament: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Pew Bible Pg. 2

Hebrew Testament: Psalm 32 UMH #766

† New Testament Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 Pew Bible Pg. 682

Hymn of Preparation:

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088

Message:

Jay W. Brown, CLM, OSL

Special Music:

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer: (see bulletin)

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:

***The Doxology:** "Praise God....." UMH #95

†Closing Hymn: "My Life Is in You, Lord" TFWS #2032

Benediction and Sending Forth:

Sending Forth: "Shalom to You" UMH #666



Church Announcements!!!!

Weekly Church Services:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Bible Study: Tuesday's 6:30 p.m.

at St. John's UMC, West Berlin

Church Staff:

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