

March 1, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: We look for help.

**P: Where will it come from?**

L: Our help will come from the Lord who created the heavens and the earth.

**All: Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love. AMEN.**

**†Opening Hymn:**

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**UMH #400**

**Call to Prayer of Confession:**

L: We need God's help. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship.

**P: Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son.**

**When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**Words of Assurance:**

**†Affirmation of Faith:**

**†Gloria Patri:**

**UMH #70**

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**All: Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.**

**Hebrew Testament:**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

**Pew Bible Pg. 8**

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**Psalm 121**

**UMH #844**

**† New Testament Scripture:**

**John 3:1-17**

**Pew Bible Pg. 682**

**Hymn of Preparation:**

**"Open Our Eyes" x2**

**TFWS #2086**

**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:**

**L: We are told that giving freely to help others glorifies God. Let us bring our gifts to God, so that God's love may be made known.**

**\*The Doxology:**

**"Praise God....."**

**UMH #95**

**Holy Communion:**

**†Closing Hymn:**

**"More Like You"**

**TFWS #2167**

**Benediction and Sending Forth:**

**Sending Forth:**

**"Shalom to You"**

**UMH #666**



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## **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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**Administrative Chairperson: Jack L. Turner, Jr.**

**Administrative Chairperson: (Emeritus) Roberta Suloff**

**Trustees Chairperson: Robert White**

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"Wesley West Berlin"**

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TO CONDEMN THE WORLD;  
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