

Faith Community United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. Order of Worship

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Wanda Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all who would walk anew in the presence of the Lord!

But our sins are so many, and our hearts are burdened and heavy.

In God's eyes through Christ, we are all washed as white as snow.

But can the soiled be made fresh or the old be made new again?

All things are possible with God so, lift your hearts in praise!

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: FWS #2085 "He Came Down" *[Black Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, the wonder of Your salvation challenges all that the world would teach is reasonable. It was Your love that came and offered us new hope and salvation. We praise You, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121: UMH p. 844

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans: 4:1-5, 13-17

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2108 "O How He Loves You and Me"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

COMMUNION HYMN: FWS #2266 "Here is the Bread, Here is the Wine"

COMMUNION: UMH p.12-15

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2073 "Celebrate Love"

Scripture Lessons for March 8, 2026:

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm 95
- Romans 5:1-11
- John 4:5-42

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service, as we celebrate Pastor Ron's birthday.

