



Sunday, February 22, 2026

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed C Hubert H Parry
Text & Tune at UMH #294

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

God's people have been called to gather.

From breastfeeding infants to aged grandparents, all are welcome.

Liturgist

God's people have been called to repent.

**From those who wear their faults on their sleeves,
to those whose secret hearts are broken, all are welcome.**

Liturgist

God's people have been called to be reconciled to our God.

**From those who have turned away,
to those whose pain whispers in the night, all are welcome.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN* UMH #269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*During the hymn,
you are invited to come forward
and receive the imposition of ashes*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**Creative, passionate God,
you delight to shape the world in beauty
and harmony.
You invite us to participate in the balance
of creation.**

**We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;
we take good learning out of difficult situations,
yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences.
Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.**

We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus, and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.

Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the living presence of God. So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

AMEN.

THE LENTEN RESPONSE* UMH #359

Refrain of Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*At the cross, at the cross,
where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 2: 15 - 17; 3: 1 - 7

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Susan & Lee Dengler
Lenten Sanctus

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

Tune at UMH #415

*Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 5: 12 - 19

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

UMH #390

vss. 1 - 3

THE MESSAGE

Competing Narratives

Pastor Don Ackerman

THE CLOSING HYMN*

Jesus Paid it All

W&S #3100

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Kyrie

François Couperin

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal
W&S - Worship & Song

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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Megan Smith

Liturgist

The Reverend Mary Jo Yeakel

Pastor

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Preacher

Julie Smith

Director of Children's Ministries

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey

Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

2/22 - Eric Slutz
2/24 - Andrew Begert,
Betty Kennedy
2/27 - Mikolai Lewis
2/28 - Elizabeth Jenkins

It's Time for Classes!

New Member Class • Confirmation Class

*If you are an adult interested
in taking our new member class,
or if you would like someone in your family
between the ages of 12 and 18
to be confirmed in the church,
please contact the church office to sign up
for either upcoming class
(office@crossroads120.org)*

*For more details about the classes,
please see Pastor Mary Jo or Jane Fleischer*

THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Wednesday, February 25

Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Friday, February 27

Gibbs Food Ministry
2:00 pm - Education Wing

To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary

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