



# FIRSTCHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Worship Assistant: Rev. Joyce Rinehart

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome/Call to Worship

### Hymn

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

UMH 549

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s Name;  
our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

### Children’s Moment

### Special Music (8)

“Savior, Redeemer of My Soul”  
Scott Tench, soloist; Judy Tench, piano

by Gardner/Whitney

### Anthem (10:30)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
Chancel Choir  
Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director  
Margaret Lucke, piano

Gilbert Martin

### Lighting of the Prayer Candle for Peace, Hope and Justice

(following the prayer)

The light shines in the darkness.

**We stand in this light, unshaken,  
knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.**

Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus’ ways of justice.

**Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use  
the freedom and power given to us  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves.**

**Prayers**

**Offering**

**Scripture**

**John 19.25-27**

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Message**

*"The Third Word: Woman, behold thy son! ...Behold thy mother!"*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn**

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

**Reception of New Members (8)**

**Benediction**

## Postlude