



**Crooks Memorial
United Methodist Church**
February 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Carolyn & Pete Prokup

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper

For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.



Welcome to Worship

Cell phone and electronic devices: Please set to silence.

Connection Card: Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

Hard of hearing or sight: Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

We love children in worship! Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

We record worship: As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World

Our Vision:

Making Space for God and Others

Our Values:

Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –
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Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

Welcome Marylee Dawson

Prelude ““Air” from “Water Music”” G. F. Handel

***Hymn** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Call to Worship

We have entered into the season of Lent.

Sundays, however, are not a part of Lent.

We have entered a wilderness time.

Yet this day of worship is an oasis in the desert.

We are here to worship the God of all creation.

We gather to remember God’s revelation in Jesus.

Today we revisit the garden of Eden.

We remember God’s overflowing generosity.

We worship God, who gives us choices and limits.

Are we open to God’s counsel and instruction?

Today we remember the temptations Jesus faced.

We want to learn to make good choices. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** “In The Garden” UMH 314

Scripture Psalm 24:1-10 Debbie Braziel
(Pew Bible O.T. 475)

Ephesians 3:14-21 Debbie Braziel
(Pew Bible N.T. 182)

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem J. N. Graif

Scripture Matthew 5: 3-8 Rev. B. Sung
(Pew Bible N.T. 4)

Message “Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** “As the Deer” TFWS 2025

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, You give us all we need. You ask only for faithful living in return. We bring these gifts to You today with our commitment to embrace faithful love, be sincere to You and others, and walk humbly with You. **Amen.**

Offertory “St. Flavian” arr. J. N. Graif

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Benediction**

Postlude ““Allegro Maestoso” from “Water Music”” G. F. Handel