

Second Sunday Of Lent March 1, 2026

PRELUDE "God So Loved The World" J. Stainer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

People: We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

Leader: Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

People: We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God's grace with open arms.

Leader: Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God's promise of new life has always rested on grace.

People: We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

Leader: Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

People: We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.

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OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "To God Be The Glory" UMH 98

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH as we sing:
I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, (repeat 3x)
And obey the Spirit of the Lord. UMH 333

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17 NT – page 88

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) "Build Me A World" Chancel Choir G. Littleton

SERMON "How Are These Things Possible?"
Reverend Ed Priestaf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION page 12

SHARING OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "Now The Silence" UMH 619

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise
him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Freely, Freely" MH 389

***BENEDICTION**

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***POSTLUDE** "Now Let Us From This Table Rise" UMH 634

*Please Stand As You Are Able



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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

*Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus
For The Transformation Of The World*

**Leader: This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made
People: Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad In It.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church! It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the "visitor" section of this bulletin.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God by Tom and Teresa Fitzgerald and in honor of their shared birthday month - March 1 (Teresa), March 7 (Tom).

THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:

Sunday: 8:45 A.M. - Early Church - Chapel
11:00 A.M. - Worship - Sanctuary

Monday: 12:30 P.M. - Preschool Staff - Harris Hall
7:00 P.M. - Endowment Committee - Library

Tuesday: 5:00 P.M. - Billie Oakley - Harris Hall

Wednesday: Noon - Lenten Luncheon - Harris Hall

Thursday: 10:00 A.M. - Bible Study - Library

Saturday: A.M. - Deb Burke - Harris Hall

PRAYER LIST: Norma Sabiston, Maxine Galloway, Linda & Eddie Bridges, Jean Andrews, Lois Winstead, Phyllis Tuck, Bob Morningstar, Mike Wrenn.

A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents - please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with our nursery staff so that if you are needed they will be able to get in touch with you.