

*Hearing enhancement devices are available in the sanctuary in the lobby.
*Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
by Penny Rodriguez

Call to worship:

Call: If God is for us, who is against us?

Response: God, who gave us the Son, now gives us the Spirit in power!

Call: The Holy One is in our midst:

Response: equipping us for life in the service of Christ.

Call: In Christ we are more than conquerors,

Response: for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!

Call: May the all surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And the unshakable love of God be with you.

Call: The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Response: And also with you!

~adapted from *Keeping in Step with the Spirit*, posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

Opening Hymn

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Children's Moment

Morning Prayer

We will conclude this prayer by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you are invited to follow along up on the screens.

First scripture

Isaiah 59: 1-2

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
arr. Lloyd Larson, Handbells

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 31-39

Message

Estrangement from God
Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

Benediction

Postlude

Lord...Hold My Hand
by Yiruma

Reflection Questions

-What is one way you have felt estrangement from God lately? Who have you told about it? What can you do to reconnect to God in this season of Lent?

-How can a reconciliation with God help with other ways you might feel estrangement right now?

In The Life of St. Johns

St. John's UMC Foundation Grants

first grant cycle of the 2026 application process for projects and programs opens for applications on Sunday, March 1, 2026. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, March 31 at 5:00 pm. Projects and programs must support specific ministry areas of St. John's UMC. Grants may be awarded in the following areas:

Program and Education

Property

Operations

Outreach and Missions

More specific information on the application process is coming soon, but now is the time to pull together your thoughts for projects in any of the four areas listed above.

Beginning March 1, 2026, grant applications will be available via a link on the weekly e-news and the church website. Hard copies will be available during Sunday worship in the sanctuary lobby and from Kim Rael in the church office between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Faith Coalition Updates and Donations

Your Faith Coalition collections team is asking for donations this quarter to Adelante, (water color sets, one inch 3-ring binders and 19" backpacks for mid/high students), and for Reading Quest, (stuffed animals, children's toys & games, and graphic books for early teens). There are bins for donations by the reception desk and in the sanctuary lobby. All donations go to assist Immigrant families.

In The Life of St. Johns

Trustees Committee Needs at Least two new members

A Message from Pastor Matt

The Trustees Committee is in need of at least two new members and your Nominations Committee will be addressing this need at the beginning of March. Would you be interested? Let's talk! Email me or call me about it. It is an important need in the life of St. John's and we want to be proactive in filling these spots. Take a look below at a description of what the Trustees Committee does in the life of the church. Serving on committees is a great way to serve St. John's and get to know people.

Description:

The Trustees, subject to the direction of the charge conference, and in consultation with the minister, have oversight and care of all local church property, buildings, and equipment to further the mission of the church. Effective trustees will function as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes:

- Supervising and maintaining the physical property of the congregation
- Gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective
- All legal requirements related to the property

Useful knowledge and skills for this position include:

- Knowledge of property and asset management
- Ability to listen to and communicate with people
- Ability to work with other ministry leaders

This Week In The Life of St. John's

Mon. Feb. 23, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

Tues. Feb. 24, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
3:00 pm Zia Singers Choir Rehearsal, Gathering Room
4:00 pm-6:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
6:00 pm Alcoholics' Anonymous, Men and Women Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Wed. Feb. 25, 2026

12:00 pm Soul Break, Sanctuary
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thurs. Feb. 26, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm AA Men's Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Library
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room
6:00 pm Spirit Folx, Chapel

Fri. Feb. 27, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

Sat. Feb. 28, 2026

Sun. Mar. 01, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
10:45 am Sunday School
Nephesh adult class: Choir Room.
Sunday Seminar adult class: Bell Room
Community adult class: Parlor
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**February 22, 2026
Lent**

Week 1, Estrangement from God

