

# Order of Worship

March 1, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

## Gathering

### FOCUS VERSE

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”  
Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

**People: We are the sheep of God’s pasture, and we follow where God leads us.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts!

**People: We receive God’s love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!**

### OPENING PRAYER

### LENTEN MEDITATION

Leader: On Sunday morning, for a brief space of time, we leave behind the world of home and work and school – the world where we have our lists of things to do, activities to participate in, tasks to complete. We come here this morning seeking something else. We come here seeking a shift – from the ordinary to the sacred, from doing to being. I invite you to close your eyes. Let go of your list. Recall that it is the season of Lent. Remember the parable of the sower. The sower throws the seed . . . and where it lands determines if it will grow or not grow. Think of it this way: think of the season of Lent as the sower, the time when seeds of faith are

thrown with special intensity, as a time a time when God calls to us in a low, urgent voice. Listen. Jesus is being drawn to Jerusalem. Where is God calling you to? What is God calling you to do?

*(Moment of silence.)*

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

*(A candle is extinguished.)*

Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lead On, O King Eternal” UMH 580

### PASSING THE PEACE

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## Praise and Prayers

### SHARING OF PRAISES AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Hear I Am, Lord” UMH 593

### RECEIVING OF GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

\* Doxology

\* Offertory Prayer

### MUSICAL OFFERING

## Proclamation & Response

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Prayer of Illumination*

Deuteronomy 34:8-9 (NIV)

Diane Brewer

### THE MESSAGE

“Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes”

Diane Brewer

### \*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

“Pass It On”

UMH 572

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

\* Stand as you are able

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## Notes

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Prayer requests may be submitted to Pastor Cindy via text or email prior to worship or by filling out the Prayer Request slip at the door prior to worship.

**We Pray For:**

Dottie Beckham  
Susan Gibson  
Carol Martin  
Linda Rossey

**Our Members:**

Edith Blafield  
Sharron Jones  
Carol Painter  
Anne Sullivan  
Maria Corley  
Becky Hasenjaeger  
Steve Pilecki

**Family & Friends:**

Dee Dee Anthony  
Johnny Hurst  
Sherry Oxley  
Barbara Stanford  
Doreen  
Will Cupp  
Steven Martin  
Irvin Plowden  
Jackson Thomas  
Penny  
David Grant  
Zach McCallum  
Judy Prather  
Nicole Zinorl

**Those in the Military:**

James Caminiti  
Dominick Minutole  
Cameron Grant  
Tyler Parker

**Lectionary Study for Next Sunday**

Exodus 17.:1-7  
Romans 5:1-11  
Psalm 95  
John 4:5-42

Congregational  
Prayer for Growth

Lord, let your divine  
power flow through us!  
Bless us with the people who  
need us and the  
people we need  
to build your kingdom.  
May we remain fixated on  
your mission and serve  
with a servant's heart.  
Amen.



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**Announcements**

Trustee Meeting – Today 12:15 pm  
Lenten Bible Study – Monday's 10:00 am  
Midweek Lenten Worship – Wednesday, March 4, 12:00 pm - Cornerstone hosting with a light lunch to follow.  
Choir Practice – Wednesdays 6:00 pm  
Church Merger Celebration Meal – Sunday, March 8, 12:15 pm  
Finance Meeting – Sunday, March 8, 5:15 pm  
Church Council Meeting – Sunday, March 8, 6:00 pm

**Midweek Lenten Worship Services 12 pm**

**March 4:** Cornerstone UMC  
**March 11:** New Hope UMC (270 Aspendale Rd., Rock Hill)  
**March 18:** St. John's UMC (321 S. Oakland Ave., Rock Hill)  
**March 25:** Woodland (801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill)  
**April 1:** Bethel UMC (1232 Curtis St., Rock Hill)

**Volunteers in Service This Week**

**Altar Guild:** Maxine Smith      **Opening & Closing:** Johnny Starnes  
**Scripture Reader:** Diane Brewer      **Acolyte:** Dee Dee Anthony  
**Offering Counters:** Linda McCallum & Dan Sliva  
**Youth Sunday School Teacher:** Kathy Hurley

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**Scripture Reader:** Steph Pilecki      **Acolyte:** Gavin Sliva  
**Offering Counters:** Teri Brothers & Diana Deyton  
**Youth Sunday School Teacher:** Angela Constantine

**Birthdays this Week**

Terri Brothers – 1<sup>st</sup>      JoAnn Till – 2<sup>nd</sup>      Linda Grant – 7<sup>th</sup>

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With Us Today*



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