

**Visitors:** *Visitors - We are glad to have you with us today.  
Please join us for coffee after worship.*

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### **Weekly Announcements**

**New Heights AA Group** - Saturday, February 28th, from 12pm - 1 pm.

**HAM DINNER** - The Union church annual Ham Dinner will be Saturday March 14, 2026 as a drive thru. We will be looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen, packers, runners, ticket takers, cleanup. Donations are needed for 25lbs washed potatoes, 4-3lb bags of kitchen cut frozen green beans, 3-4lb bags small carrots, 4 triple batches baked pineapple, 7lbs sliced onions, 5lbs of butter, 2 gals milk, 10 doz. homemade rolls and 10 choc or yellow 9/13 cakes. There is a sign-up sheet on back bulletin board. If you can't get to church to sign up please call me. All profits go to the church budget. Any questions can go to Sandy Mundt 293-3510. (cell 585-451-5285)

**The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering** as well as our Union Church Lenten Offering will be taken during Lent. Envelopes for OGHS will be available in the pews and the Lenten Offering envelopes will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please refer to the Benevolence Outreach newsletter article for information on both.

**Interested In Serving With Our Kids Once A Month?** Talk with Pastor Eliecia or Deb Janes and join us for Safe Sanctuary Training on February 25 at 3:45pm!

**Do You Have Questions** about our church services, bulletins, or would you like a visit? Reach out to our Deacons (Maryjane Starr, Carol Turkett, or Mary Terry) or Pastor Eliecia Young - 480.235.6506.

**Confirmation Classes Begin** on March 1 after church. Let Pastor Eliecia know if you're interested in learning more or joining in the fun!

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**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Sunday, February 22, 2026



**W e l c o m e** to all who are visiting.

Union Church is an ***Open and Affirming*** church of the United Church of Christ. We practice extravagant welcome to all. Thank you for being here this morning! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome.

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**February 22, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**A Moment for Reflection**

“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.” –  
Pope Francis

**\*Call to Worship**

Donna Crawford, lay reader

L: Once again, as the season of Lent begins, we are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

**P: We respond to God’s steadfast love, calling us together in praise.**

L: Let us bow in awe before the One-Who-Creates.

**P: We approach God in reverence and wonder, rejoicing in the invitation to holy places.**

L: Walk humbly before God in secret disciplines, in prayer and fasting and giving.

**P: We seek the One who grants us life, upholding us with a willing spirit.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:**

*“Abide with Me”*

(Chalice # 636)

**Unison Invocation**

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and quench our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: God knows our brokenness and God is here bringing peace, healing and wholeness.

**P: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and by the Holy Spirit we are nurtured to wholeness. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 32

L: God is still speaking to us through the living Word:

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Time**

**\*Hymn**

*“Open My Eyes”*

(Chalice #586)

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 4:1-11

**Message**

**“Lent: The Invitation”**

**Hymn**

*“Softly and Tenderly”*

(Chalice #340)

**Prayers of the People - Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

L: Lord in Your mercy.

**P: Hear our prayer.**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**In these gifts, O God, we acclaim you as our Lord. May they be useful to you in bringing your kingdom into full flower through the ministries of your church, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:**

*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

(Chalice #557)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or spirit