

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 1, 2026 The Second Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, for God invites all who seek God's help.

PEOPLE: Our help comes from God, the One who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, for God invites all who desire blessing.

PEOPLE: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

Leader: Come, for God invites all who long for salvation.

PEOPLE: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the One sent by God to save the world.

*OPENING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* # 159

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES OF LENT

UNISON PRAYER God of the ages, we come into this holy space at your invitation. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed today. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through one another gathered here to worship you. On this Lenten day, this we pray in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 121 # 844

Act of Confession and Pardon

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with your love and grace, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your grace given to us, we pray.

PEOPLE: During this Lenten journey, help us focus our hearts on you, Loving God, that we may choose the blessing of salvation which you invite us to receive each day. This we ask through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: As we come near the cross of Jesus, remember that, in his name, your sins are forgiven.

PEOPLE: For such love and grace, we give God thanks.

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12.1-4a (pg.10)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EPISTLE READING Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 (pg.154)

GOSPEL READING John 3.1-17 (pg.93)

SERMON *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross: Born Again*

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* # 369

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

A Lenten Prayer (insert)

The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer Response *Jesus, Remember Me*

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RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory and *Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*CLOSING HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: As we leave this holy place to continue our
Lenten journey, God invites us to be faithful.*

**PEOPLE: The One who sent Jesus Christ as salvation for
all the world will never desert us.**

Leader: Go forth to rejoice in God's amazing grace!

SUNG BENEDICTION *Grace Alone* (verse one)

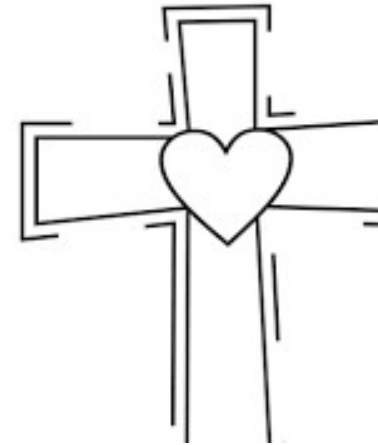
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*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Jenn Farrin, Lay Reader
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Debbie Greim, Organist and Music Director
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

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Community***



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Lisbon United Methodist Church
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all people
with the love of Christ.