

February 22, 2026
Lent 1: *Dwelling in Dissonance*

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Learning Hour for all 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

*HYMN VT 25 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER *MCC My Coins Count* Sara Mwangura

ANTHEM *When the Poor Ones* Cherwien

SCRIPTURE John 11:17-27; 32-44

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

LITANY VT 655

When Grief Is Raw

SERMON

“Mary and Martha and Martha and Mary”

*HYMN VT 600

O Thou, in Whose Presence



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 110), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in Worship.

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 605

My Life Flows On

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Anthem: *When the Poor Ones*. Text: José Antonio Olivar, tune: David Cherwien.

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
When the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
When we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth,
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
When the nations work to change war into peace;
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

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