



Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

Sunday, February 22, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

First Sunday of Lent

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist: Lois Thurnherr*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us together.

People: To rejoice in your presence and follow in your ways.

Leader: Open our lips,

People: And we will declare your praise.

Leader: Open our ears,

People: And we will receive your word.

Leader: Open our hearts,

All: And our hearts will be turned to you.

INVOCATION

*HYMN *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* Gray #224 vs. 1,2,3

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgive us God. For too often we do the things we know we should not do, and fail to do the things we know we should. Save us from our selfishness and small mindedness. Give us the comfort of your forgiveness and renew our hearts for opening ourselves in service to others. Through Jesus' love and grace we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us

according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
God saves all his people, and even us.

Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 32

***HYMN** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Black #2112

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "Life in the Wilderness"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* Gray #502 vs. 1,2,4

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Shannon Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2355

Offering collection from February 15, 2026: \$2,164

Current: \$1,844

Benevolent: \$75

Chicken BBQ: \$225

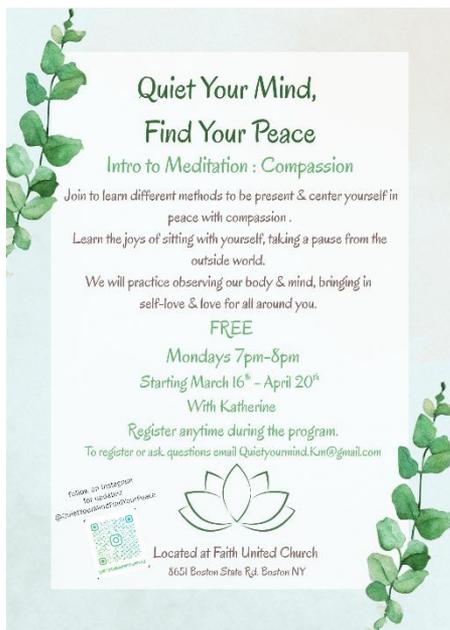
Ash Wednesday: \$20

Attendance on Sunday, February 15, 2026: 56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Ted will be leading a **Lenten Bible study** on **Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 in the Gathering Room, February 25th – April 1st**, focusing on selected scripture readings relevant to Lent. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Ted, or just show up.
- We would like to get more people involved in **participating in worship services as liturgists**. If interested, please sign up on bulletin board outside the church office, or speak with Pastor Ted or Tim Plewik. Liturgists receive detailed instructions in advance guide them through the readings.

- March 16th – April 20th **Intro to Meditation** classes: Compassion.
- Mark your calendars, our **chicken BBQ** will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 11:30 a.m. until sell out. Tickets will be available March 1st.
- **Please wear your name tag.** Name tags are provided for everyone on the wall in the narthex, and everyone is encouraged to please wear them. This is very helpful for people to get to know each other, especially visitors and newer attenders but also long time members. Thank you.



- **VALOR** (Veterans Assistance Local Ongoing Recognition) February 22nd begins our food drive collection for Veterans. We will collect through Palm Sunday. Collection boxes will be located outside Church office.