

May God be with you: **and also with you.**

Announcements

Praise Band (MF)

Passing of the Peace

Share in the ancient Christian practice of sharing peace & reconciliation.

Within our sanctuary, and out into the wider world.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

* We Prepare our Hearts:

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves *all* of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

* Hymn: Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights (VU 108)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.**

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear

get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Faith family,

even when we act with judgment,

even when we are guided by fear,

even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,

God does not turn God's back on us.

So join me in this good-news declaration:

We are seen.

We are forgiven.

We are invited to try again.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: Take My Life & Let it Be (VU 506)

Wonder Time

Prayer for Illumination:

Good news God,

speak louder than the news updates.

Speak louder than our mental distractions.

Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear.

God, speak loudly to us today,

because we long to hear your good news once more.

With hope we pray, amen.

Reading: Luke 7:36-50

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

May we walk together in their truth.

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: I Have Something to Say to You

* Hymn: (WL) Just As I Am (VU 508)

(MF) Love is the Touch (MV 89)

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering for the Work and Witness of the Church
Offertory

March 1, 2026

* Offering Response: (MV 79)
***Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.***

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: O God How We Have Wandered (VU 112)
*Please bring forth your prayer requests (or send up with a friend)
and place them on the Communion Table during this hymn.*

* Sending Forth

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.
For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world,
so go forth speaking.
For if you won't, then who will?
Thanks be to God
for this good, *good* news.
Amen.

* Sung Benediction (MV 161)

***I have given you a name, it is mine.
I have given you a spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.***



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Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest – 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Lori Campbell