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**LeRoy  
 Presbyterian Church  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 March 1, 2026 ~ 9:00 am**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

For God so loved the world--

**The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish, and the people.**

For God so loved the world—

**In success and failure,**

in sickness and health,  
**in averageness and the extraordinary.**

For God so loved the world--

**Enough to become one of us and to suffer along with us,**  
 enough to offer new life for us.

**(All) For God so loved the world, let us worship God! Amen!**

\*Hymn 351 vs. 1, 2

*Love Divine*

Celebrations and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-17

A Lesson for the Child of God in All of Us

Children's Time

Sermon

“Jesus and Nick at Night”

Pastor Diane

Holy Communion

Offering Invitation ~ Offering ~ \*Doxology (inside hymnal front cover)

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Faithful God, you call us, as you called Abraham, to trust in what we cannot see, and to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. As Nicodemus discovered, your love is not earned but freely given. Receive these gifts as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your transforming love with a world still searching in the dark. In the name of your Son, we pray. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

\*Communion Hymn 2164, sing twice

*Sanctuary*

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, so often we see only our sins and failures and not your mercy and grace. So often we focus on the destruction and damage in life, feeling hopelessness and despair. Let us choose instead to accept the healing and hope in life you would give to us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us accept your new life for us that our lives might praise you. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through him, the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing and made us alive together with Christ. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(All who believe in Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome at the communion table.)

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world.**

**I believe in God the Savior, one with the Creator. He rescued me and all creation from the devastation of our violations against God and creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit, took on human form and walked a path through this world. He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God's path to death on a cross. He rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, one with the Creator and the Christ. Through the body and blood of Jesus the Spirit brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future. The Spirit calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way--loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God's hands and feet in the world. Amen.**

\*Hymn 397 vs. 1, 3

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\*Benediction

Let us rejoice--God so loves the world! May God your Maker send you back into the world with creative energies refreshed. May Christ the Light illuminate your darkest moments. And may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love guide you this day and forevermore.

**May we love others as God loves us. Amen!**

\*Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another signs of love.

**We offer ourselves and our gifts to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

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## **John 3:1-17**

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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**March Newsletter Now Available**  
Check your e-mail or pick up a copy in  
the entryway  
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**Food Pantry Collections Through 3/22**  
Any items you would like to bring are  
needed for new Humeston/Garden Grove  
Food Pantry. Please be generous.  
**Grocery Pick Up Days:**  
**March 12 & 26 4:00 – 5:30 pm**  
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**TUESDAY Bible Study**  
March 3 @ 6:00 pm  
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**TUF Team March 4**  
**3:45 – 5:15 Grades 4-6**  
Snacks: Virginia Watson  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck Lunch**  
March 8 @ HCUMC 11:45  
Everyone is Welcome!  
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**Coffee w/ Pastor Diane @ Grass Roots**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 10 – 11 am**  
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**Scripture Memorization Class**  
March 11 & 25 2:00 pm @ HCUMC  
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**HCUMC Admin Council Meeting**  
March 11 @ 6:30 pm  
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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

### Concerns

- Luke** – hospitalized with brain cancer, nephew of Sara (Snow)
- Family of Harry Wright** – Ed Coffey’s brother-in-laws
- Rocky** – waiting for biopsy report, mother of Maggie Fee’s friend
- Linda Lovett** – prayers for three family members
- Norm** – wants to go home from care center, Mike’s dad
- Connie** – Peggy Gwinn’s sister who is in Hospice
- Family of Joyce (Scott) Richards** – twin of Joann, friend of Linda Watkins

### Celebrations

- Virginia Watson** – baby shower for great grandson Liam due in March
- Caden Carruthers** – 3.75 GPA @ Ellsworth College
- Martha** – furnace is repaired and working
- Jerry** – good urologist report, 3 more cancer treatments
- Richard** – cancer treatments going well
- Sherri** – skin grafts healing well

### Genesis 12:1-4a

**12** The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

**2** “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

**3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

**4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.



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Nancy Gunzenhauser

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\*Hymn 384 vs. 1, 2, 4

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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A Lesson for the Child of God in All of Us

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*Sanctuary*

Holy Communion—Service of Word and Table—Invitation to the Table

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The Lord's Prayer (page 896 in The United Methodist Hymnal)

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup *(Please hold the cup until all have been served)*

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Offering Invitation & Offering

\*Doxology (Hymn 95 in United Methodist Hymnal)

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\*Hymn 389 vs 1, 2

*Freely, Freely*

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\*Hymn 672 vs. 1

*God Be with You*

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