



Lent 2026: How To Leave a Legacy, *God's Way*

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 10:30 AM

What's Happening in Worship?

To our Guests and Visitors: Please Join Us Today for The Lord's Supper—*The Lord's Supper is a sacred experience that's meant for everyone who longs for deeper connection and communion with God. The Elders will prompt you to come forward; please use the center aisle. Take the bread, eat it. Take the juice, drink it. If you're gluten-free, we have GF bread ready for you. Children who are not yet prepared to receive the elements are welcome to come forward for a special blessing from the pastor.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

"'Yet even now,' declares the Lord,
'return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.'"

**God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Spirit loves us. Christ Jesus has redeemed us.
God, our Heavenly Father, welcomes us home.

We will worship the Lord!

Hymn 165 *The Glory of these Forty Days*

Confession of Sin

Pardon, and Peace

Response *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.

Sermon Leaving a Legacy...of Courage—Esther 4:1-16—
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Gibelius, Pastor

Hymn *Perhaps You Have Been Chosen*

"Perhaps you have been chosen
for such a time as this!"
So Mordecai told Esther
to serve as she'd been blessed.

Their people were in danger
and needed someone brave —

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A queen who knew her calling
to risk and act and save.

She stood up for her people
and dared approach the king
Although he might have killed her
for doing such a thing.

Inviting him to dinner —
a feast to satisfy —
She asked of him a favor:
"Don't let my people die!"

The king gave what she wanted
and let her people live,
And all because Queen Esther
used what she had to give.

She faced her fear with courage,
she changed the things she could,
She chose to make a difference —
to use her life for good.

O God, we look around us
and see a world in need.
There's violence and injustice,
there's prejudice and greed.

Remind us of our calling
to bravely use our gifts.
Perhaps we have been chosen
for such a time as this.

Offering

Anthem

Response *Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory,
forever.
Amen.

Hymn

May the Lord, mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
Full of grace forever;
May the Lord, mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.

Blessing

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