



**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

OPENING SONG

GREETING

Pastor Mandy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Reader

Leader: Let us join together in opening our hearts to the love of God. In this season of discernment, we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the trappings of notoriety, popularity, and power that diminish others in order to gain for ourselves.

People: **We yearn for lives that matter, we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.**

Leader: O God, At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

***All:* We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!**

SONG OF PRAISE

Sing, Sing, Sing

Praise Team

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Pastor Mandy

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 32

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SONG OF PRAISE

I Speak Jesus

Praise Team

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

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SERMON

"Look for the Resister"

SONG OF PRAISE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Praise Team

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Mandy

GOING FORTH

PSALM 32

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!
The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—
that one is truly happy!
When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;
I was groaning all day long—
every day, every night—
because your hand was heavy upon me.
My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought. *Selah*

So I admitted my sin to you;
I didn't conceal my guilt.
"I'll confess my sins to the Lord," is what I said.
Then you removed the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.
You are my secret hideout!
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of rescue! *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you
about the direction you should go.
I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.
Don't be like some senseless horse or mule,
whose movement must be controlled
with a bit and a bridle.
Don't be anything like that!
The pain of the wicked is severe,
but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the Lord.
You who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad!
All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, *I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"

Jesus replied, "Again it's written, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*" The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him

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