

CHURCH ON THE CAPE

United Methodist Church

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Rev. Greg Smith



JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings. *SUS MAFA. Nicodemus*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://digilib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48385>

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*those who are able, please stand to worship

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistive devices are available,
please ask an usher.*

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you Helen Farnsworth and Ann Hand for hosting Coffee Hour today

PRELUDE

“Largo from Voluntary IX, Op. 5”

John Stanley

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: : I look up at the hills—

People: from where will my help come?

Leader: My help comes from the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved;

People: our keeper will not slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The one who watches over us—

People: will not slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is our keeper.

People: The Lord is our shade at our right hand.

Leader: The sun shall not strike us by day,

People: nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep us from all evil.

People: God will keep my life.

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in—

People: from this time on and forevermore.

*HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

UMH #116

UNISON PRAYER

In this time of worship, Holy God, we lift our eyes to see your presence in our world and in our lives. Remind us that our help, our strength, our very lives come from you.

Reassure us that you do not slumber or sleep, but that we are constantly in your care. Keep us from all evil and show us the way of your goodness in this life.

Guide our every footstep so that in all of our comings and goings we will know your presence and feel your love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-4

This lesson tells the story of how God calls Abram to leave his homeland and begin a great journey with God...

SECOND LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In this lesson, Paul reflects on the faith of Abraham and the role of faith in our salvation.

*HYMN **“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”** UMH #616

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17

The story of Nicodemus and Jesus

MESSAGE “Justifying Grace”

OFFERTORY MUSIC **“Balm in Gilead”**
Joe Utterback

PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

MUSICAL COMMUNION setting “D” UMH P. 23

*HYMN “God Will Take Care of You” UMH # 130

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **“Allegro from Voluntary IX, Op. 5”**
John Stanley

Lectionary for Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm 95 (UMH 814)
- Romans 5:1-11
- John 4:5-42

PARISH NOTES

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

During worship on March 8, we will be receiving and recognizing new members of the church. If you would like to be part of the group who are joining the church, please speak to Rev. Smith soon!

COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

We have several committees in the church that could use more members to help with their important work! One of those is the Staff Parish Committee, which is our personnel committee. This is a required committee and has a defined size of nine members. At present we have three vacancies that need to be filled. If you would like to know more, or would like to volunteer, please speak to Pastor Greg.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Our Good Friday worship service will feature a dramatic reading with seven different readers. Pastor Greg would like to identify these readers soon. We need 3 more people (2 men and 1 either) who are not in the choir to volunteer for these parts.

VIDEO STREAMING ANNOUNCEMENT

In the past few weeks we have been experiencing erratic internet speeds which can cause streaming problems. In most cases the problem will disappear after a few minutes and the video will resume without the viewer needing to do anything except wait a few minutes. In other cases we can not stream. If that happens, we will post the full service video that same Sunday afternoon after about 2 pm. Note these videos will appear in the "Videos" section rather than the usual "Live" section on our YouTube channel.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

- Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am
- Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday , April 3, 7:00 pm

EASTER SERVICES, APRIL 5

- Sunrise Service: 6:00 am—Middle Beach
- Traditional Service: 10:00 am –Church on the Cape

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

HELP SHAPE UNITED WAY'S WORK IN SOUTHERN MAINE

Real change starts with listening. United Way of Southern Maine is hosting Community Conversations across Cumberland and York counties to hear directly from people who live or work in Southern Maine. We want to understand your experiences, challenges, and hopes for the future.

WHY ATTEND?

This is your opportunity to be heard. By sharing your thoughts, you help identify the strengths, challenges, and opportunities in our community. Your voice can highlight areas where United Way of Southern Maine—and you—can take action. Be part of the solution and help shape the future of Southern Maine.

JOIN US!

Use this link to sign up:

<https://southhckport.breezechms.com/form/051c71>

DATE: Tuesday, February 24th

TIME: 12-1:30pm (lunch included)

**LOCATION: South Church Community House
8 Temple Street, Kennebunkport**



UNITED WAY
Southern Maine

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Judy Cadieux	Patty Hutchins	Ann Nelson
Julie Chase	Bethany Hessel	Mary Parker
Fran Celnar	Micki Kinney	Desmond Parker
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesla Kraft Angelos	Luverne Preble
Micke Cooper	Brett LaCour	Steve Russell
Risha Deary	Nicholas LaCour	Nancy Russo
Beth Dudley	Janet Lennon	Lettie Samuel
Henry & Diane Dynia	Charity Perry Liutai	*Lois Small
Jean Earley	Chloe McLaughlin	Eric Schoener
Sally Ewton	Jean Moulton	Jane Smith
Harold Falcone	Marybeth Munroe	Chuck Wildes

*New to the Prayer List

March Birthdays

- 1 Elizabeth Erickson**
- 2 Sharon Miesel**
- 4 Rachel Smith**
- 5 Sheila Matthews**
- 7 John Hall
- 8 Marilyn McDonald
- 18 Tom Muse
- 19 Dan Erickson
- 20 Michael Schoener & Sharon Collins
- 21 Norene Freeman
- 26 Judy Oppert
- 27 Jane Murray & Janet Wade
- 31 Helen Farnsworth

If you would like to add someone to our birthday announcements,
please let the office know. 207-967-5787

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sun., March 1	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Communion at Huntington Common
Mon, March 2	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tue., March 3	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch (Bring your own food)
	12:00 pm	Lenten Study
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
Wed., March 4	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
Thu., March 5	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., March 7	10am-12pm	Cargo Shop Open

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., March 8	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Mon., March 9	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tue., March 10	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	12:00 pm	Lenten Study
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wed., March 11	8:30 am	Evangelism Outreach
	1:00 pm	Missions Outreach
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Thu., March 12	9:30 am	Ministry of Caring
	2-4 pm	Cargo Shop Open
	3:00 pm	Worship Committee
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., March 14	10 am– 12 pm	Cargo Shop Open



Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Join us from wherever you call home:

If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages and sermons online - you can find them via our website :

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