

(scripture continued) Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

**Sermon Title: “Risking Challenge” Rev. Kayla Mangrich**

**Responsive Hymn:**

**“Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH 399**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: “A Charge to Keep I Have” UMH 413**

**Postlude**

**March 8-14, 2026**

**Sunday**

10:00am Worship

11:15 am Confirmation

Happy Birthday Jane Craig

**Monday**

8:00am-4:00pm WIC

Happy Birthday Roxanne Sorensen

Happy Anniversary Ed & Roxanne Sorensen—41 years

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

9:30am United Women in Faith

6:30pm Youth Group

Happy Birthday Roma Anderson

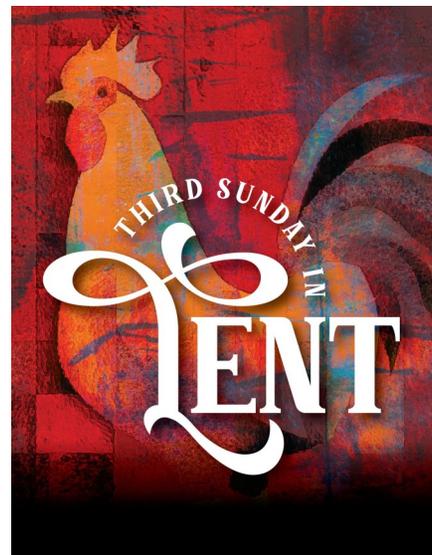
**Thursday**

Happy Birthday Isabelle Martin

**Friday**

Happy Anniversary Jason & Corey Smidt—22 years

**Last week we received offering of \$5,340.**



## ***United Methodist Church***

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**Order of Worship for March 8, 2026**

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### **Prelude**

### **Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation**

1. Wednesday 9:30am United Women in Faith.
2. Wednesday 6:30pm Youth Group
3. The carts are in the lobby for food pantry collection. There is a list on the table of needed items.
4. Check Bulletin board by office for activities.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

## Honoring our Scouts

Opening Hymn: “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” UMH 662

### \*Call to Worship

One: We gather in the presence of the One who is not afraid of hard questions.

**Many: We come before the Christ who risks challenge and speaks truth with wisdom.**

One: When questioned about power and allegiance, Jesus said, “Give to the emperor what belongs to the emperor, and give to God what belongs to God.”

**Many: We belong to God. All that we are and all that we have bear God’s image.**

One: When asked which commandment is greatest, Jesus answered with clarity and courage:

**Many: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

One: Love that is wholehearted. Love that is embodied. Love that risks something.

**Many: We come to learn this love again.**

One: When others gave from abundance, a widow placed two small coins in the treasury.

**Many: She offered all she had. She risked trust. She embodied devotion.**

One: Today we gather to worship the One who teaches with authority, who challenges systems, who calls forth courageous love.

**Many: Shape us, O God. Challenge us, O Christ. Fill us, O Spirit.**

**All: We come to worship—ready to risk, ready to love, ready to follow. Amen.**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciple’s Lesson “Jesus Loves Me”

Prayer Hymn: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH 549

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer of Confession

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Preparatory Hymn:

“The Church’s One Foundation” UMH 545

Scripture Proclamation read by Scott Jacobsen

**Mark 12:13-17, 28-34, 41-44**

They sent some of the Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap him in his words. They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you’re genuine and you don’t worry about what people think. You don’t show favoritism but teach God’s way as it really is. Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay taxes or not?” Since Jesus recognized their deceit, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a coin. Show it to me.” And they brought one. He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied. Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” His reply left them overcome with wonder. One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus replied, “The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself.

No other commandment is greater than these.” The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions. Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny.