

*A family lounge is available in the narthex and offers a quiet space.
A speaker in the lounge allows you to hear the service.*

Please join us downstairs in the social hall after worship for Connections — refreshments and connection with fellow worshippers.

If you are interested in assisting with hosting Connections time, please contact Tina in the office (tina@fumc-a2.org).



What is happening TODAY?

Adult Faith Formation classes typically begin at 11:30am on Sundays
Scan code for today's events or go to:
www.fumc-a2.org/events/today/

This Sunday morning worship service is live-streamed to a public YouTube channel (FUMCannarbor). Services can be viewed afterwards and are stored on our YouTube channel. *We also offer stand-alone scripture/sermon videos for further study.*

Contemporary Worship Spotlight

An offering of gifts is taken the first Saturday of the month when we celebrate communion.

Upcoming Saturday 5pm Worship:

Mar 14 - LENT 4 - Rev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

Mar 21 - LENT 5 - Rev. Greg Lawton

Mar 28 - LENT 6 - Rev. Dr. Nancy Lynn



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Announcements can be found on our website
www.fumc-a2.org/latestnews



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Tell us you were here EITHER electronically www.fumc-a2.org/weekendattendance, OR via the pew pad!



Church Center check-in is available to CC users



First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

Sunday, March 8, 2026 • Lent III

WEEK 3
JOURNAL PROMPTS
Write about an experience when you felt safe and protected because of God's presence with you.
Who or what are you protective of? What do you do to be protective of them?
ACTIVITY PROMPTS
Draw an image of God protecting you.
Donate time or money to help protect someone vulnerable in our society right now – immigrants, troops, unhoused folks, or youth struggling with mental illness, for example.

Welcome Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you. God calls us to welcome all races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages and stages of life, abilities and disabilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Our Mission We are a progressive, Christ-centered church focused on loving boldly and building hope through worship, education, service, and social justice.

Our Vision With God's help, we will transform ourselves and our community through acts of unconditional love, the pursuit of justice, and a commitment to dignity and compassion for all.

Our Values Love boldly. Live curiously. Serve compassionately.

Want to learn more about FUMC Ann Arbor? Join the Church Walk and Talk! It happens once a month on the first Sunday. Gather outside the church office through the left door at the front of the sanctuary. Two knowledgeable lay people will lead a 15-minute walk around the church. Learn more about the church and get your questions answered. Visitors are especially welcome.

Large-print bulletins & audio devices available from the ushers



First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor Order of Worship

Sunday, March 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude Partita on “Foundation” - Alfred V. FedakDr. Paul Haebig, organ

Lenten WelcomeRev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Hymn** How Firm a Foundation (UMH #529)

***Call to Worship** (responsive)led by Jan Fisher

We do not know what the week will bring—

But we trust the One who walks beside us.

We are not promised certainty—

But we are promised presence.

So we gather in hope—

And worship the God who holds tomorrow.

Centering Music The King of Love My Shepherd Is - arr. Jantz A. BlackAsbury Ringers

Time with the ChildrenRev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

Children’s Recessional I’ve Got Peace Like a River (TFWS #2145)

Scripture Reading Exodus 14:10-29 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.60)read by Jan Fisher

*For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!***

Sermon “Come to the Water: Protection”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

A Time of Prayer

Hymn Water, River, Spirit, Grace (TFWS #2253)

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!

Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.

**Please rise in spirit or in body*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Merciful God,

We confess that sometimes, when the road ends at the edge of the sea and danger is closing in, we don’t always trust in your protection. We believe that if we hold onto control, we can out run, out think, out smart whatever is threatening us. Yet, scripture shows us again and again that you are the God who makes a way out of no way. You will protect and save your people at tremendous cost — even the death of your Son. Help us to rely on you when we feel threatened or afraid and, in humble hope and grateful anticipation, trust you to lead us to the promised land. Amen.

God knows our fears and hears our cries at the water’s edge. God forgives our doubts and stills our anxious hearts. Because we are never alone, we find the courage to face adversity with the strength and faith of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (page 895)John Samford

Hymn Water, River, Spirit, Grace (TFWS #2253)

Introduction to the OfferingRev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

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Offertory Music Secure - Craig CourtneyChancel Choir

***Lenten Doxology** (UMH #95) with alternate text

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Offertory Prayer** (in unison)

God of Creation,

We offer these gifts to you in gratitude for the abundant gifts you have given us. Bless our offering. May it sustain the ministries of this church that, like the waters of a powerful river, your love might flow through us to bring hope and justice to a broken world. Amen.

***Hymn** Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom (UMH #508)

AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Nancy Lynn

Benediction

Postlude The Israelite’s Song of Triumph - Sigfrid Karg-Elert.....Dr. Paul Haebig, organ