



**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 22, 2026**

**PrairieLand Parish**

*As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God*

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**We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord**

**Prelude – Welcome – Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**We are learning to follow Jesus.**

For those who feel Christ near,

**May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.**

For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

**May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.**

For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

**May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.**

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, you offer us so much, forgive us for sharing so little.**

**You have called us to your ways, forgive us for ignoring your call.**

**You have given us the gift of family, forgive us for not giving thanks.**

**You have given us countless blessings, forgive us for taking your love for granted.**

**And now, gracious God, be merciful to us in our sin and indifference, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #382**

**“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**Gospel Reading..... Matthew 4:1-11**

The Word of God for the People of God,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Children’s Sermon**

**FAITH HYMN UMH #410**

**“I Want a Principle Within**

**“Message”**

**Joys/Concerns**

**A Pastoral Prayer for Lent/Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory (UM Hymnal 95) Doxology**  
**Offertory Prayer**

**Departing Hymn UMH #671**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

**Benediction**

**\*POSTLUDE**