

Mt. Lena United Methodist Church

March 8, 2026

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845 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

“... we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Tom Brown

PRELUDE & ENTRANCE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude: *“Jesu, Joy on Man’s Desiring”*
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (please stand as you are able) Carol

L: O come, let us worship and bow down;

P: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker

L: The hour is coming and is now here.

P: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #156 “I Love to Tell the Story”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol

L: God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God’s overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol

P: Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Carol

L: This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor

Tom

JOYS, CONCERNS, TESTIMONIES

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory: *"There Is a Redeemer"* (Melody Green)

*Gloria Patri UMH #71 "Glory Be to the Father"

*Prayer of Dedication & Lord's Prayer

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH #298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PSALTER

UMH # 814

Psalm 95

Carol

Listen for the word of the Lord:

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE “HOPE DOES NOT PUT US TO SHAME”

Pastor Tom Brown

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN TFWS # 2071

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT OF GOD

Postlude “*You Are My King*” (*Billy James Foot*)

***Stand as you are able** L – Leader **P – People** UMH U M Hymnal TFWS *The Faith We Sing*

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Thought for Today

*“God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to say ‘thank you’?”*

William Arthur Ward

Mission Project for Lent
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

March 15, 2026 – 8:45 AM Worship

March 22, 2026 – 8:45 AM Worship

Greeters: Acolyte: Liturgist: Wanda

March 29, 2026 – 8:45 AM Worship

Greeters: Acolyte: Liturgist: Brenda

Son Rise April 5, 2026 – 7 AM – John Michael Message

Easter April 5, 2026 – 8:45 AM Worship

Greeters: Brenda & Miriam Acolyte: Liturgist:

Please sign up to assist with our worship services.

Many “Sign Up” opportunities for volunteers to serve in ministry here... Thanks for your attention to these lists.

Please update your email, text and/or personal call information to stay informed of ‘happenings’, ‘meetings’, ‘requests for prayer’, etc. on the forms circulating.

ÿ CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ÿ

3/12, 3/19, 3/26 930AM – Choir Practice

3/12, 3/19, 3/26 noon – Lenten Bible Study

3/15 – NEXT SUNDAY – UMCOR Sunday – special offering

3/19 – Sunshine Sisters Meeting – 1015AM

3/20 – 3/22 – Youth Impact, Ocean City

3/21 – CANAL HUB – Community Free Breakfast 8 – 11 AM

3/22 Final Piano Recital for Dottie's students

3/29 Palm / Passion Sunday – Children's Puppet Play

4/2 Community Maundy Thursday Service – Benevola UMC
6PM – meal, 7PM - service

4/3 Good Friday Service – Mt Lena 7PM
Bethel United Methodist Church will be having a service at 1pm on April 3 in
Rohrersville. 4301 Main St Rohrersville, MD

4/5 7AM – Easter “Son” Rise Service
845 AM – Resurrection Celebration with Holy Communion
Egg Hunt following Worship