



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent  
*GATHERING FOR WORSHIP*

**PRELUDE: Take Time to Be Holy**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** #2112

**SILENT PRAYER**

**INTROIT: Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes**

**\*HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story** #156

*CENTERING FOR WORSHIP*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: For some of us, it was tempting to “sleep in” this morning.

**P: But God has called us to hear God's word, to open our hearts in prayer and praise, and to seek direction for our lives.**

L: There are many temptations placed in front of us. We are called to be strong and place our trust in God.

**P: God is always faithful to us, comforting, guiding, lifting us. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

As we enter into this journey of Lent together, O God, we look to you to be our guide, our confidence, and our hope. Enable us to find the cause for our hope in a season of searching and listening. Make us quick to give of ourselves to be on mission as your church today, so that the good news of Christ may bring wholeness in all parts of our world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ANTHEM: Still*

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

**\*HYMN: It Is Well with My Soul**

**#377**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

***COMMISSIONING IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE: Jeanine Santelli***

**OFFERTORY**

**DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN: You Are Mine**

**#2218**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Blessed Assurance**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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## **Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries**

9—Mark Schott

12—Tyler Schott

12--Joel & Sharen Holcomb--anniv

13--McKenzie LeVan

14—Salvatore Fallova

14--April Snow & Jeanine Santelli—anniv

15—Timothy Foust

## **Announcements**

Pastor Joel will lead a book study on Adam Hamilton's Forgiveness during Lent. This four-week study will start on Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00. Please see Pastor Joel if you are interested.

God of mercy, as we enter the season of Lent and turn our eyes with Christ's disciples toward the cross, we ask that we see clearly the sacrifice you have made for us, and then may we see as clearly the sacrifice we must make for others. Awaken us, God, to turn, to follow, and to serve in Christ's name. Amen.

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Each of us is to look not only to personal interests but also to the interests of others. We come together as the church of Jesus Christ to do this. We are devoted to a mission whose benefits are not for us alone. This is our opportunity to share in meaningful work in this community and around the world.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings—no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—we offer our gifts and ourselves and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.