



## Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 2, 2025  
Healing Service

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GREETING TIME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is at work even when we can't see it or feel it.

**Congregation: There is always grace to be found, even in the midst of trials.**

Leader: The Lord is the One who holds us together.

**Congregation: He is the One enables us to do every good work.**

**All: Thanks be to God that He leads us in the way of life!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "In Unity, We Lift Our Song" TFWS #2221

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Following the Children's Blessing, all children are invited to join us for Sunday School in P4. \*If your child is joining us for the first time, please accompany them to the classroom.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "In Times and Places" by Sandra Eithun  
Carillon Choir

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

**OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD** "Refresh My Heart, Lord"  
by Geoff Bullock

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**READING OF THE WORD** Ruth 1:1-21  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Journeying Together in Love" Rev. Ruth Farrell

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

As a United Methodist Church, we practice open Communion. All are welcome to participate, regardless of church membership.

#### 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.**

**COMMUNION SONG** "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter  
Mikayla Fillinger, Soprano

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "The Servant Song" TFWS #2222

#### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*Please stand if able

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

*We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Duane Townley, who passed away on 2/20/2025*

**Welcome!** May your time in worship this morning be meaningful. It is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God and a spirit of friendship and caring. Please join us for refreshments following worship in the Parlor. If you are visiting for the first time, we would like to share a gift with you.

The Nursery is open during worship for children from birth through the age of 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.

Sunday worship services at First UMC are live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and available afterward for watch-on-demand. They are also broadcast throughout the week on Midland Cable Television (MCTV, channel 188) and on 97.7 and 107.7 fm on Sundays at 11 am.

## First Glance

### Sun March 2, 2025

10 am Healing Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
11:15 am Adult Forum  
11:15 am Youth Group

### Tue March 4 2025

10 am Worship/Tech Meeting  
11 am Staff Meeting  
12 pm S3 Group  
1:30 pm UWF Meeting  
5 pm Pancake Supper  
6 pm Peer 360  
7 pm Boy Scouts  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### Wed March 5, 2025

1 pm Carillon Bells Rehearsal  
4:45 pm Explore! Music Class  
7 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
7 pm Step Ministry Meeting  
8 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal

### Thur March 6, 2025

1:30 pm Better Together Meeting  
6 pm Peer 360  
6 pm Team Leaders Meeting  
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fri March 7, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group  
7 pm AA Meeting

### Sat March 8, 2025

12:30 pm Duane Townley Visitation  
2 pm Duane Townley Memorial Service

### Sun March 9, 2025

10 am Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
11:15 am Adult Forum  
11:15 am Youth Group



For more announcements and information, please see our weekly eBlast. If you do not receive it, call the office or email: [reception@fumcmid.org](mailto:reception@fumcmid.org)



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**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 5th, 7:00 PM**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the season of Lent—the 40 days before Easter in which we prepare to celebrate Christ’s resurrection by intentionally reflecting on our need for forgiveness and His sacrifice, we will mark its beginning with a worship service on Ash Wednesday.

This year, Ash Wednesday is March 5th, 2025. The service will begin at 7:00 PM and take place in the Chapel.

As a symbol of repentance, this service will include the imposition of ashes in the sign of the cross on our foreheads, as well as the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we remember that we are forgiven through the New Covenant in Christ’s blood.

Please consider joining us for this intentional time. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

To the Glory of God,  
Pastor Bethany

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WHERE YOU GO I WILL GO,  
and where you stay I  
will stay. Your people  
will be my people and  
your God my God.

Ruth 1:16

**“Journeying Together in Love”**  
Rev. Ruth Farrell  
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