

Communion Liturgy

Will you open yourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ that is always and already available here at this table? If so, say, “Open us to your grace, Lord.”

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Will you open yourselves once again to the call of Jesus Christ? If so, say, “Open us to your call, Lord.”

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Will you open yourselves to the possibility of transformation through Jesus Christ? If so, say, “Transform us, O Lord.”

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“Come to Us” Upper Room Worshipbook 55

Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.

Come to the Word, and come to the meal,

Come without question or pressure or price:

Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of all that was, and is, and is to come. You formed us in your image, creating all in goodness, asking us to walk with You in love. When we held back from Your invitation, You sought us out, encouraging us on our way, time and again. You led those who could not see by a road they did not know. You have turned nighttime before them into light. You have smoothed out the rough places and made them plain. You have released the prisoners from the dungeon. You have made all things new. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to walk with the poor, the captive, and the oppressed and to proclaim freedom and abundance in your name. On dusty paths and lakeside shores he encountered friends, strangers, and enemies, inviting them to journey with him and to eat with him. He offered newness of life and renewed covenants of love by water and the Spirit.

On the night that he gave himself up for the path of justice, he was at the table with his friends. He invited them... and he invites us, to pause in our quest for destinations and savor the company of each other and the ways in which he still is present in our gathering together. He took the bread, he broke it and blessed it and shared it. “Do this in remembrance of me.” He took the cup, he poured into it, blessed it and shared it. “Do this in remembrance of me.”

Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger,

looking for change, or challenge, or light.

We all are people whose calling is care,

bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ’s pilgrimage to the kingdom/kin-dom, walking together one with each other, working together in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen!**

**Come to me, come to us, broken or building,
come with your children, your choices, your chains.**

**All are invited to friendship and rest,
to share in our struggle, our call, and our quest.**

Holy Communion Hymn

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

UMH 521

Call for Art!

John Wesley UMC warmly invites artists of all ages to participate in a non-juried art exhibition, **The Art of Kindness: Reflecting Hope, Love & Joy, on display March 7–15.**

Celebrate creativity and compassion through artwork that inspires and uplifts our community.

All artistic mediums are welcome.

Join us for the opening reception on **March 7 from 5 – 7 PM.**

Artwork drop-off: March 6, 2–7 PM.

\$5 entry fee; limit two pieces per artist.

The Art of Kindness: Reflecting
HOPE, LOVE & JOY



WELCOME TO

JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are a welcoming and active congregation which seeks to **“LOVE GOD...LOVE OTHERS...SERVE THE WORLD.”**

We invite you to experience meaningful worship services, engaging Bible studies, Sunday school, fellowship, preaching, life-changing local and global mission opportunities and more. We are an active congregation. At John Wesley, there is always room for everyone to become a part of something greater than ourselves. **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Worship Every Sunday: 10:00 AM

Lenten Studies – Join Us This Season. All are welcome

Lent in Plain Sight

Mondays | 6:00 PM | Feb. 16–Mar. 30

Join us for a Lenten book study based on *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. Through Scripture and reflection, we'll explore how God meets us in ordinary, everyday objects on the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Give It Up!

Tuesdays | 10:30 AM | Feb. 17–Mar. 31

A seven-session adult Bible study designed to deepen faith through Scripture, reflection, discussion, and prayer as we walk through Lent together. Books are available in the office for \$10.00

The Difficult Words of Jesus

Wednesdays | 2:00 PM | Feb. 25 –April 1

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow God's word. He told them parables to help them discern questions. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. Join us for this six-week series.

APP TIP OF THE WEEK: If you are messaging each other in the APP, there is always a prayer tab at the top right corner of every message (both one-on-one or group messages). There, you can always see what you are praying for together.

Monday 2nd

- Crafters Meeting 1 PM (Fitzgerald Room)
- *Lent In Plain Sight* Book Study 6 PM (Library)

Tuesday 3rd

- *Give It Up* Lent Book Study 10:30 AM (Fitzgerald Room)
- Trustees Meeting 5:30PM (Fitzgerald)

Wednesday 4th

- Prayer Meeting 11 AM (Youth Room)
- *The Difficult Words of Jesus* Book 2 PM (DiAngelis Res. See Pastor for info)
- Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM (Sanctuary)
- Choir Rehearsal 7 PM (Sanctuary)

Friday 6th

- *The Art of Kindness: Reflecting Hope, Love & Joy* Artwork drop-off 2 PM (Fitzgerald Room)

TODAY at 2:00PM, the Social Justice Team is co-sponsoring a **Community Watch Training with the Falmouth Immigrant Rights Coalition, here at John Wesley.** This nonpartisan event will share practical information about knowing your rights and how to respond safely if you encounter ICE activity. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

“The High Way”

Week Two - Sunday March 1, 2026

WE GATHER

Meeting One Another on The Way

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Leader: Today, we continue our worship series called “The Way” that invites us to a spiritual journey during this season. Today we come to the table to be sustained for the road ahead. In our society, we are taught that everything costs. But our ways are not God’s ways. We are all invited to the table of Jesus without price. This is the abundance of God’s grace. This is the higher way that we are invited to embody for the sake of the world. The “rich food” that we are invited to partake is the richness of life when all have enough—not simply to survive—but to thrive. Hospitality is the way—even though we do not agree on everything, we are still one family at one table.

SONG

“A Wilderness Wandering People”

PRAYER FOR THE PATH

God of Grace, we know you are with us on The Way. But we need sustenance in order to make the journey. As we come seeking peace and a place at the table, we find that you have already prepared and were expecting us. Help us to set tables of abundance for all who travel this journey of life, just as Jesus did. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

UMH 732

WE PROCLAIM

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

EXTINGUISHING THE SECOND LENT CANDLE

We spend so much of our lives buying what cannot feed the soul, walking roads that promise arrival yet leave us empty. But on this Lenten way — like pilgrims who discover the road is changing them more than the miles. Let us remember that God’s thoughts are higher than ours. As we extinguish this second candle, let us be reminded to release our need to control the journey and trust the One who walks it with us.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Lead Me, Lord”

S. Wesley arr. C.F. Manner

PRAYERS FOR GETTING OUT OF OUR OWN WAY

Leader: Prayer is a kind of “pitstop” along our journeys—a time when we pause in the stillness and reassess and remember to breathe. Let us take this moment to rest deeper into the guiding presence of The Giving One.

O God, you so love the world so much that you give the generous gift of Life itself, freedom of choice, sunrise in the morning, sunset in the evening, and all those surprises in between. Then you give us all the time there is—eternity. We confess that our schedules often crowd out appreciation for these gifts and our numbness allows us to take them for granted. Everyday living requires such a serious investment of our energy that we easily neglect the grandeur all around us. Set us free to dance to the rhythms of your Spirit. Help us see that even times of sorrow and despair often enable us to discover strength we never knew we had. Make us strong at the broken places. Yet when the dark night of the soul approaches, if it is possible, let that cup pass from us. Amen.

“Stillness” [chorus]

Meet me in the stillness, Lord

Be the air I breathe

Meet me in the stillness, Lord

Free me to receive

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we continue on this Lenten way, we give not to earn God’s grace, but because we have already received it along the road. Let us offer our gifts with grateful hearts.

* RESPONSE AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

(NRSVUE)

SERMON

WE RESPOND

Opening to the Holy on The Way

Time for Contemplation

Hear this: No matter whether you pause in gratitude for the gifts of God or not, God never stops giving. We can begin a higher way at any time. Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it

Jesus is with you now because Jesus promised to set the table along our journey of life over and over again. You are forgiven and invited, especially when you think you have no place. May it be so.

Reprise chorus of "Stillness" prayer song

Meet me in the stillness, Lord

Be the air I breathe

Meet me in the stillness, Lord

Free me to receive

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

WE GO FORTH

Continuing with Jesus on The Way

* CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

UMH 378

BENEDICTION

The Creator God filled you with breath, inviting you to this journey called Life.

We will follow on The Way.

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means to make a new way with Love.

We will follow on The Way.

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward with Courage and Compassion for all..

We will follow on The Way.

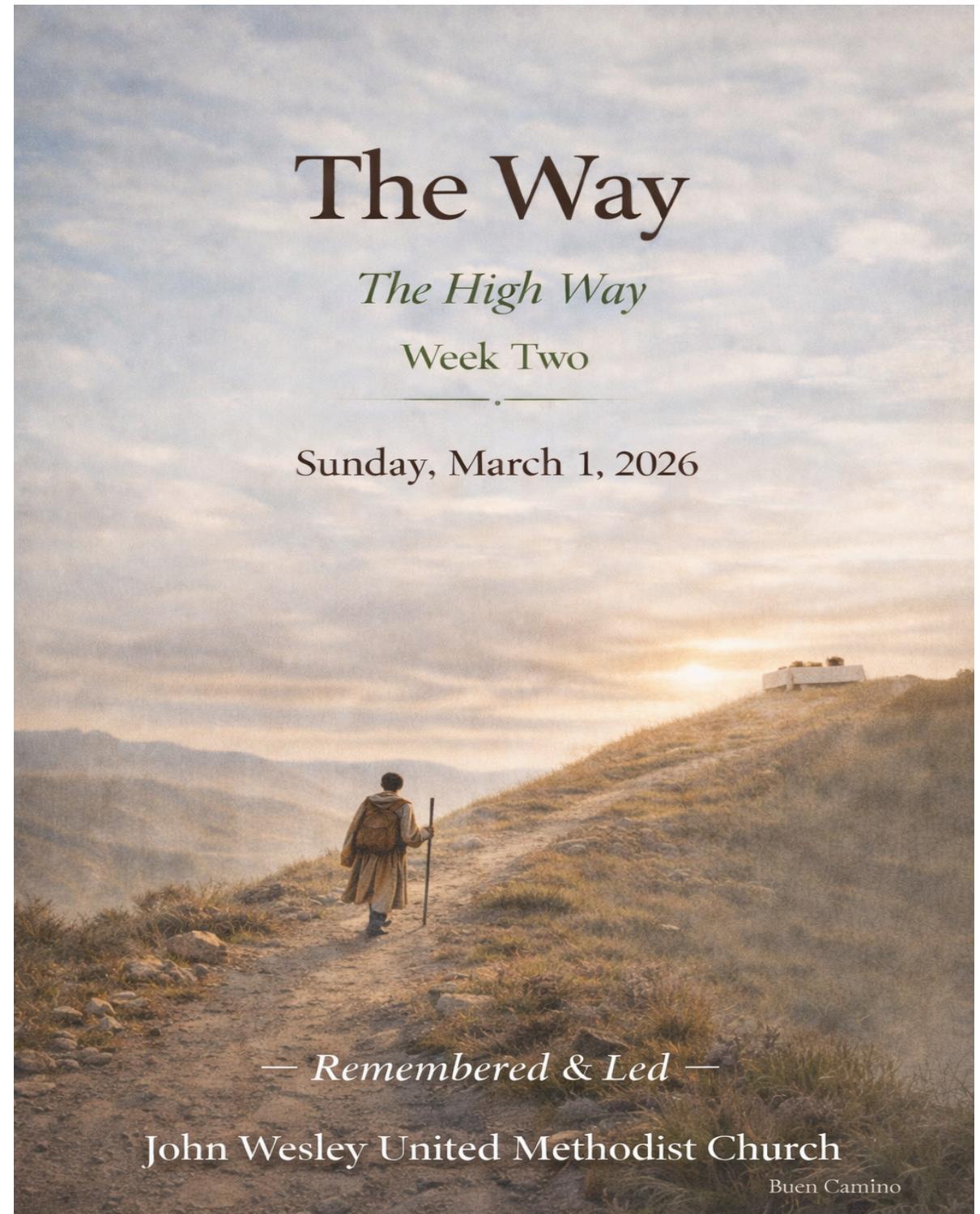
May this week be filled with opportunities to choose to take the higher ways of the Holy, offering friendship, grace, and sustenance to those you meet. May it be so. Amen.

"Buen Camino!"

POSTLUDE

*The flowers adorning the altar this morning are donated
To the Glory of God in memory of Brian Daniel Karsner by Mark and Colleen Karsner*

✠ *Program Series is from www.worshipdesignstudio.com/theway*



The Way

The High Way

Week Two

Sunday, March 1, 2026

— *Remembered & Led* —

John Wesley United Methodist Church

Buen Camino