

Classic Worship at 9:00 am

PRELUDE	Dr. Ann Behrens <i>Robert Powell</i> <i>Variations on "Swabia"</i>
Prayer	<i>David Lasky</i>
<i>Italian Hymn</i>	<i>Albert Travis</i>
WELCOME	
INTROIT	
<i>Bind Us Together</i>	<i>Bob Gillman</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
We gather together at the edge of a new season.	
We stand together on the cusp of something new.	
Will we wade into self-reflection?	
Will we invite honesty to dance?	
Will we listen for God's invitation?	
Will we seek deeper faith?	
What kind of fast do we choose? What kind of faith will we build? We gather together at the edge of a new season. Listen, God is speaking.	
CALL TO CONFESSION	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
Merciful God,	
How many times in a day could we choose love?	
How many times could we choose justice?	
How many times could we speak kindly to ourselves?	
How many times could we offer grace?	
How many times, God? And how often do we miss it?	
Forgive us for choosing the path you did not travel.	
Forgive us for hitching our horse to the world's measure of goodness, instead of yours.	
Return our hearts to you, and guide us continually, even in the parched places.	
With gratitude we pray,	
Amen.	

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN # 402	<i>LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN</i>
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	
COMMUNITY INFORMATION	
Sleep in Heavenly Peace Video	
CHILDREN'S MOMENTS	
CHANCEL CHOIR	
<i>Break Forth into Joy</i>	<i>Hal Hopson</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	
	<i>Isaiah 58: 1-12</i>
MESSAGE	Pastor Rachel Stockle
	<i>"SEEKING: Is this the fast that I choose?"</i>
*HYMN # 405	<i>SEEK YE FIRST</i>
MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER	
PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY	
<i>Etude</i>	<i>Benjamin Culli</i>
*DOXOLOGY # 95	
OFFERING PRAYER	
*HYMN # 581	<i>LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE</i>
*BENEDICTION	
*POSTLUDE	
<i>For All Your Saints, O Lord</i>	<i>Michael Burkhardt</i>

Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

WELCOME SONG

ALL MY HOPE

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE VIDEO

A TIME OF PRAYER

PRAISE BAND

I HAVE DECIDED

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

VIDEO

"Idol Worship"

OFFERTORY

PRAISE BAND

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58: 1-12

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

A TIME OF PRAYER

MESSAGE

Pastor Rachel Stockle

"SEEKING: Is this the fast that I choose?"

SONG

WHAT AN AWESOME GOD

BENEDICTION

The people of this church are missionaries in the city.

The staff members are:

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate & Director of Praise Team
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist, and Chancel Choir Director
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director
Sara Bange, Bright Start Preschool Director
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin. Assistant
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant
Glory Messan, A/V Tech
Rob Davis, Custodian

9 am Greeters –

9 am Ushers – Laura Hampshire & Carol Gilliland

11 am Greeters –

11 am Ushers – Justin & Nathalie Messan

Gathering Place Host – Chris & Kim Larson

Don't Forget!

- Lenten Study- “*Why did Jesus Have to Die?*”
- Wednesday’s at 5 pm and Monday’s
- February 18th - Ash Wednesday
- February 16th - Presidents day, offices are **closed**.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Gift Card Program “Raise Right.” & Hy-Vee
- Greeter sign up – Please contact church office at 217-222-7468 or on a blue connection card if you are interested

Be sure to check out The Thursday Connection every week (e-newsletter) which is sent to your email inbox and is available online at vsumc.org. If you do not have internet access, please contact the office (222-7468) and ask for a copy to be mailed to you

SUNDAY, February 15th

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10:15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

MONDAY, February 16th

Presidents Day

Offices are *closed*

6:00 pm - Building & Grounds

TUESDAY, February 17th

9 am – Care Team

9 am – Quilters

WEDNESDAY, February 18th

Ash Wednesday

Ashes Available in Chapel from 8 am – 8pm

4:45 pm – Praise Band

5 pm – Bible study

6 pm – Bell choir

7pm – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, February 22nd

First Sunday of Lent

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10:00 am – Birthday Part for Eleanor Dennis

10:15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTS ARE AVAILABLE.

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1st Sunday of Lent
February 15, 2026