



**La Mesa First United Methodist Church**  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
March 1, 2026

**Opening**

Mary Earnest

*Allow the resonance of the sound bowl to draw your mind, body, and spirit into this sacred moment, preparing to encounter the living Christ.*

**Prelude**

*Prière à Notre Dame*  
Paul Rosas, Organ

L. Boëllmann

~ Greeter Darrell Henderson ~

**Welcome and Greeting**

Rev. Christian DeMent

**Opening Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

TFWS 2236

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Christian DeMent

**Choir Anthem**

*Me and Jesus*  
Chancel Choir  
Director, Duncan Matthew

**Prayers for the Community**

Rev. Christian DeMent

**Invitation to Offering**

Julie DeMent

**Offertory Music**

*Festive Piece on "Plainfield"*  
Paul Rosas, Piano

J. Martin

**Offertory Prayer**

Julie DeMent

**Scripture**

Luke 14:16-24  
**All Respond: Thanks be to God!**

Julie DeMent

**Sermon**

*The Great Banquet*

Rev. Christian DeMent

Communion Music

*First Arabesque*  
Paul Rosas, Piano

C. Debussy

Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...And so, with the faithful of all ages, we sing the praise and glory of your name:

All: 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.

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these...we proclaim the mystery of faith. All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Benediction

Rev. Christian DeMent

Closing Hymn

*Light of the World*

TFWS 2204

Postlude

*Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy*  
Paul Rosas, Organ

C. Cooman

## ***Coming Up:***

### Today

Sunday Morning Book Club, WR @ 11am today

LM1Youth tonight at 5pm, San Carlos UMC

### Monday

Days For Girls and Prayer Quilts @ 10:30am, Sewing Room

Community Yoga @ 4pm, Social Hall

All Church Council Meeting, FS @ 6pm

### Tuesday

ZOOM Women's Evening Bible Study @ 6pm

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### Wednesday

La Mesa Collaborative Meeting @ 9am, Social Hall

Ground Up Coffee Shop @ 9am, Garner Room

Pastor's Bible Study @ 11am, Social Hall

Pastor Christian Speaks to United Women in Faith @ 1pm, SH

Pastor Christian and Eliane Olson invite all to *Vital Conversations on Immigration* @ 6pm, SH. Wednesdays through April 1

### Thursday

Choir Practice @ 7pm

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*This week's newsletter*

*It was a joy to worship together this morning!  
Next week, let's do it again in person at 9:30 am;  
on Facebook or YouTube for the Livestream;  
or either of those channels to view a  
recording on your own schedule.  
Check our e-newsletter for more information  
or go to lamesaumc.com.*



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*Pledge Donation*

La Mesa First United Methodist Church gathers on the original homeland of the Kumeyaay people. We confess and regret the harm and displacement endured by Indigenous peoples and seek God's redeeming grace to guide us toward justice and healing. We give thanks for our Kumeyaay ancestors, elders and descendants who have cared for this land with wisdom and resilience. As recipients of grace, we commit ourselves to deeper connection, reconciliation and love.  
Emaay 'ehad kumwa'aayp – Let us Pray.