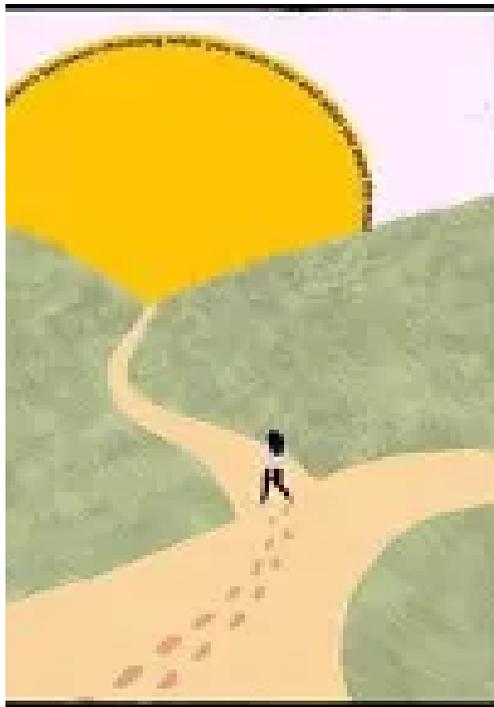


*FUMC San Benito 7<sup>th</sup> Core Belief:  
A church that strives for excellence in everything we do - because God  
deserves our very best.*



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*First Sunday of Lent*  
*February 22, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.*

***Welcome All!***

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either  
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

**PRELUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**

*Point to Ponder: Following God frees us to be the true self God  
created us to be in the context of others*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rudy Hyde**

Leader: The Old Testament Scripture today calls us to listen to the voice of wisdom, striking reminder that the essence of worship is listening.

**People: Too often we eagerly rush into this place of worship with a list of needs for God to address and a litany of ideas to run by God for approval. We forget to listen**

Leader: Come, gather together to worship, and may there be silence in which we listen to what the Spirit says to us.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**TFWS 2165**

*"Cry of My Heart"*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Rudy Hyde**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Leader: O Holy God, You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world. However, too often we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. . .

**People: Call us back to You, that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.**

*A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.*

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF CONFESSION**

**No. 468**

*“Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See”*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rudy Hyde**

**followed by THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE**

**Rudy Hyde**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Radiant God, we offer these gifts to you. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ. Use these gifts and us to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**Tom Hoehn**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY:**

**1 Peter 4:8**

**Above all love each other deeply.**

**1 Peter 4:8**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Louise Humble**

**Exodus 20:1-3**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 5:19-20**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Jerry Jaquish**

*"Loyalty to God  
Is a Pathway to Freedom."*

**INVITATION OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

**No. 176**

*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Jerry**

Pastor: Do not be afraid. God goes with you to build bridges of reconciliation, create communities of acceptance, establish villages of compassion.

**People: We go now in peace, strengthened by God's blessing.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**