

Lent 1 Service

February 25, 2026

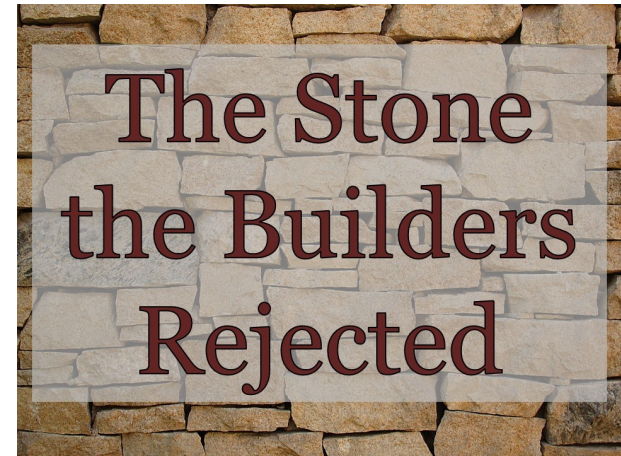
P. Let us bless the Lord;
C. **Thanks be to God.**

P. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to
everlasting life.
Amen.

Closing Song; Hymn: #744 Amazing Grace

*We hope you can stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments
after the service tonight,*

The Rejected One, The Man Born Blind



Rejected
Resilience
Divine Purpose
Ultimate Acceptance

Opening ; #563 Jesus, Thy Blood & Righteousness (v. 1-3)

Responsive Confession; Romans 7:14-25

P. ¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold
under sin.
C. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not
do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

P. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

C. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want, is what I keep on doing.

²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P. Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
Have mercy and hear us.

The Lord's Prayer
The Apostles Creed

The Lesson: John 9:1-11 **Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."

John 9:24-25 ²⁴ (the Pharisees) summoned the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

P. This is the Word of the Lord **C. Amen.**

The Message;

The Offering is Received.

P. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

C. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God:

¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The light shines in the darkness,

but the darkness has not understood it.

General Prayer;

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.