

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

9:00 AM

New Song

Today we celebrate a New Orleans inspired service before the reflective Lenten season begins. Our musicians will lead us in some of the spirituals and hymns of Delta jazz.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Tim Boggess

SONGS OF PRAISE *Down By the Riverside*
Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
You declare the poor in spirit blessed,
but we cling to self-sufficiency and resist our need for you.
You honor those who mourn,
yet we turn away from the pain of others.
You name the meek as heirs of the earth,
but we grasp for control and assert our own importance.
You bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
yet we are too easily satisfied with comfort instead of justice.
You show mercy to the merciful,
but we hold tightly to grudges and withhold forgiveness.
You call the pure in heart blessed,
yet our thoughts and motives are often divided.
You delight in peacemakers,
but we contribute to conflict through our words,
our silence, and our indifference.
You bless those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
yet we shrink back from costly discipleship
and seek the approval of others.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Renew our hearts and reshape our desires
so that we may reflect your kingdom.
Give us the humility to depend on you,
the courage to seek righteousness,
and the grace to live as your faithful people.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Mariah Martin

SONG OF PREPARATION *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12

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MESSAGE *Living Your Blessed Life* Tim Boggess
Higher Ground: Sermon on the Mount

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING SONG *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

BLESSING

Guest Musicians
Fernando Cruz, saxophone
Neil DeFeo, trombone

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