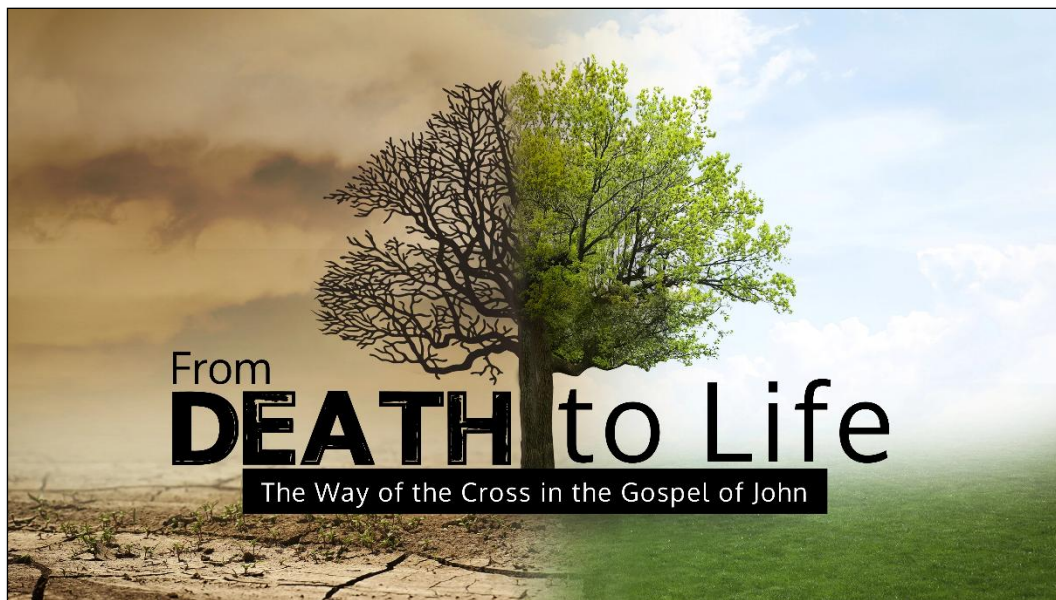




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Sunday, February 22, 2026

*First Sunday in Lent*



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# WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,  
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!*

## *Gathering*

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” - John 11:25-26

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

**Living God, you are the One who calls life out of death and hope out of despair. As you called Lazarus from the tomb, call us now into your presence. Open our ears to hear your voice, open our hearts to receive your grace, and unbind us from all that keeps us from fully living in you. Lead us from darkness into your light, and from death into your life. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.**

\* Praise Video

*“I Will Rise”*

*by Chris Tomlin*

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

**Merciful Lord, we confess that we often live as though bound by fear, wrapped in doubt, and hidden in the shadows. We cling to old wounds, sinful habits, and weary hearts, forgetting that you call us into freedom and new life. Forgive us, O God. As we recognize the things which bind us, we pray you would free us by your grace, and lead us into the light of your love. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...**

\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## *Proclaiming Gods Word*

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn                      *"Breathe on Me Breath of God"*                      (UMH #420)

Scripture                      John 11:1-44

Sermon                      *"Unbound"*

## *Responding to God's Word*

Pastoral Prayer and

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

\*Doxology                      (UMH #95)

\*Prayer of Dedication

## *Sending Forth*

\*Hymn                      *"Hymn of Promise"*                      (UMH #707)

\*Benediction

* Please Stand if
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## *In Our Prayers*

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Rosemary Peterson, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Kale Pollard, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work.

## *Worship Online*

Our Sunday worship services can be viewed online:

- Website: [winchesterilumc.org/multimedia](http://winchesterilumc.org/multimedia)
- YouTube: [youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213](https://youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/winchesterumc](https://facebook.com/winchesterumc)

## *Online Giving*



*"If you'd like to make an offering electronically, you're welcome to use the QR code provided. Regardless of how you choose to participate today, we're grateful for your presence in worship."*