



Sunday, February 22, 2026  
First Sunday of Lent  
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Lent is a forty-day season of reflection, prayer, and renewal as the church journeys toward Easter. Rooted in Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, Lent invites us to slow down, examine our lives, and return to God with honesty and hope. It is a time for deepening our spiritual practices—especially prayer—as we open ourselves to God's guidance, mercy, and transforming love.

Our theme for Lent this year is "**Pathways of Prayer.**" Pastor Steve recently shared, *"there are countless ways to talk with God. It could be a prayer spoken from the front of a church sanctuary, words whispered between friends, a sentence or two as you drive down the highway, or in the melody of a song. As the Book of Romans reminds us, sometimes we are not even sure what to say. Yet we trust that God still hears us. The important thing is that we set aside the time to simply be with the Lord."*

Pastor Steve has invited various speakers to share a message regarding prayer. This Sunday, Dr. Terry Paulson will be giving the sermon. Terry shares with us this preview to, ***Jesus, Teach Us How to Pray:***

*"In our gospel reading, the disciples see a miracle: Jesus is talking with Moses and Elijah! They are eager to set up a monument to honor this awesome occasion. But God tells the disciples to be still and listen. Do you take the time to listen to God?"*

Join us as we enter this season of prayer and reflection together.  
**All are welcome!**

We meet in person at 10a.m. or online from our website, [NewHopeAgoura.org](http://NewHopeAgoura.org).  
All are welcome—we'd love to see you!