



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Names" Kevin McChesney
Chancel Ringers

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Happy are we--

All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

One: Happy are we--

All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

One: Happy are we--

All: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

One: Happy are we--

All: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

*GATHERING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-3
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unshaking, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is life-giving—to both great and small; in all life you’re living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
Then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

Lord Jesus, you taught us that in Your kingdom, “Blessed are the poor in spirit” —
but we are often rich in pride.

“Blessed are the meek” —

but we are rebellious by nature.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” —

but it is easy to turn from your call.

“Blessed are the peacemakers” —

but we are hesitant to seek reconciliation.

Have mercy on us, renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit

so that we may walk joyfully in the way of Your blessing. (*silent confession*)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News!

God’s blessings are for all people, and through them we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Immortal, invisible, God Only Wise” v.4

**So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we now render as your angels do: in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN with Laren Loveless

Song: “Color of Love” (*see lyrics on back of bulletin*)

HANDBELL ANTHEM “Song of Assurance” Arnold B. Sherman

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Be Still My Soul” #488 *New Century Hymnal*

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still my soul: your best eternal friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and wind still know how Jesus’ power ruled them long ago.

Be still, my soul; the hour will soon be here when we shall be with God whom we adore,

With disappointment gone, no grief nor fear, sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past; all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Beautiful Saviour" Flor Peeters

(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer and meditation. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "We Give You But Your Own" #785 *New Century Hymnal*

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God!

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. You made us in your image, and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with the faithful of every time and place:

Holy, holy, holy God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son and our risen Savior. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may be united with the living Christ and with all his people. Accept this our sacrifice of praise as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen:

Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper! Elements will be served by ushers. Wine trays contain white grape juice and red wine cups. Wrapped gluten-free wafers are on bread plates. Please hold the elements until all are served, so that we may commune together.)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*unison*)

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

***COMMISSIONING HYMN "Loaves Were Broken" #498** *Glory to God Hymnal*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Worship Endnotes

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“Color of Love” lyrics

Verse 1

Was I born the wrong color, or born the wrong race?
Should I try to make a heaven in a hopeless place?
Is this about our religion? Is this about our faith?
How can we make a difference if we can't relate?

Verse 2

We must trust our neighbors, we must trust ourselves
To raise a family in a home that's well
Maybe it's too late for this world, maybe we've spun around
Give us another thousand years, maybe we'll figure it out
Or maybe we'll get it now

Chorus

Oh, oh, What's the color of love look like? Is it really just black or white?
Can we meet in the middle, Give us a chance, To find the gray shade That's inside of us?
Oh, oh What's the color of love look like?