



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 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 "Prelude and Fugue in C" Dietrich Buxtehude

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

All: We are the salt of the earth!

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

All: We are the light of the world!

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

All: Come, let us love one another as we praise our living, loving God!

GATHERING HYMN "Praise to the Living God" #8 *New Century Hymnal vv.1-3
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
whose word brough forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.**

**Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,
Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.**

**Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

God of grace, forgive us.

In silence, we contemplate the injustices that exist in our world.

God of grace, forgive us.

In silence, we lament the ways we fall short of shining a light on God's glory.

God of grace, forgive us.

In silence, we reflect on the times when we have let the busyness of life dominate.

God of grace, forgive us. *(silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has heard our prayers and comes with the light of mercy.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Praise to the Living God" v.4

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,

Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.

In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,

May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "As the Deer" Martin Nystrom; Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16

Pew Bible p. 786

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People” #181 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!

**Refrain: Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God! Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God! Refrain

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God! Refrain

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 “Andante” from “Partita on *Hyfrydol*” Charles Callahan

(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

SENDING

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

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" #930 *Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal*

1 This lit-tle light of ___ mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;

oh, oh,

C G

this lit - tle light of ___ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;

oh,

B Em7

this lit - tle light of ___ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,

oh,

G A D7 G C G

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine . . .

3 Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine . . .

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune on Amsterdam" Jerry Westenkuehler

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1; Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.
- (2) Adapted from <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>

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