



SEE, I HAVE ENGRAVED YOU ON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS;
YOUR WALLS ARE EVER BEFORE ME. **ISAIAH 49:16**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Almighty God: Instruct us and encourage us to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Help us to abide in Him so that our hearts, words and lifestyles reflect Christ to the world and bear the fruit of His Spirit to those who do not yet believe and might be drawn into a committed relationship with Him. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

HYMN: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (choir and congregation)

LEMMELE

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.*

PRELUDE

O Jesus, I Have Promised
Stan Brunner

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

CHORAL INTROIT

Bless the Lord
Chancel Choir

Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White

One: In the presence of God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being,
ALL: *We stand in awe.*
One: In the presence of God whose arms have held children,
ALL: *We stand in trust.*
One: In the presence of God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,
ALL: *We stand in need.*
One: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness.
ALL: *With joyful expectation, let us worship God.*

*HYMN: 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Gracious God, if we have worshiped you as a symbol from the past, a theological concept, a religious novelty, but not as a living God,
ALL: *Forgive us, God.*

One: If our mission has been to the church as if the world did not matter, or to the whole world as if our local situation did not matter,
ALL: *Forgive us, God.*
 One: If we have remained blind to the gifts and insights of other believers and lived in the past instead of the realm to come,
ALL: *Forgive us, God.*
 One: If we have confused your will with our understanding of it; if we have preferred divergence to unity; if we have sacrificed the essence of the gospel message,
ALL: *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*
 One: If we have heard stories of struggle with no intention of sharing the burden of pain,
ALL: *Forgive us, God.*
 One: If we have identified the misuses of power but failed to empower the weak,
ALL: *Please God forgive us and grant us your peace.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Know that God is gracious and just and forgives all who repent and turn from their sin. Because Christ sits at God's right hand and intercedes for us, we have assurance that we are forgiven.
ALL: *Amen. Thanks be to God.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 623 *I've Got Peace like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
 I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, *George Peters Lumley (see insert)*

Rev. John White

HYMN: 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (stanza 1)*

KINGDOM

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
 With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Parker

Chancel Choir | Director, Helen Redding

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anna Poole

**RECEPTION OF
 NEW MEMBERS**

*Greg + Denise Stuart (Reaffirmation of Faith)
 Robert + Karen Hopper (Reaffirmation of Faith)
 Blest be the Tie that Binds (Hymn 306)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 628** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:14-16* (pg. 680)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Ephesians 2:4-10* (pg. 192)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hands

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Paul Kretzschmar

Stan Brunner

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 177** *I Will Come to You (You are Mine)*

YOU ARE MINE

SENDING

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Trust in God

Gibbons

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Gigue (Psalm 149)

Douglas E. Wagner

Stan Brunner