

*do*  
**JUSTICE**  
*love*  
**KINDNESS**  
*and walk*  
**HUMBLY**  
*with your* **God**

Micah 6:8, NRSV

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

**GATHERING**

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Rev. John White*

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*  
Stan Brunner

arr. Don Hustad

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Bless the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Berthier

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. John White*

One: God, whose love is vast and measureless, wider than the universe, unlimited and infinite:

**ALL:** *In wonder we worship you.*

One: God, whose love will never run dry, will never fall short, will never fail:

**ALL:** *In wonder we worship you.*

One: God, whose love knows nothing of our distinctions, our notions of ‘deserving’ and ‘undeserving’, and which encompasses everyone:

**ALL:** *In wonder we worship you. God, your love is beyond all we can tell, yet we know that you are here with us, and that you care for every detail in our lives. We offer you hearts filled with gratitude. In wonder we worship you.*

**\*HYMN: 372 O For a World**

AZMON

**TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us, because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**ALL:** *By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *(Hymn: 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And also with you.*

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*Gonna Lay Down My Burden*  
Chancel Choir | Director, Helen Redding

arr. Jay Rouse

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Anna Poole*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 774** *There is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Micah 6:1-8 (pg. 866)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4)*

*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**

*Strangers*

*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** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Paul Bouman  
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: 772** *Live into Hope* TRURO

## SENDING

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION** *Rev. John White*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Trust in God* Gibbons  
Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE** *Welcome, Happy Morning* Roger C. Wilson  
Stan Brunner