

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 2026

“Growing into the Light”

The Life and the Work of the Church

Introit

Bathe Me in Your Light (More Voices 82)

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Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Guide me on the pilgrimage
that leads to truth and wholeness,
fill me with your promise of a love that knows no end.

Centring Music

Gymnopedie No. 3

by Erik Satie

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We come this morning ready to seek the truth.

We come this morning ready to hear God's word.

This is our church, filled with people, singing, praising, sharing the words of the Bible and living out our faith.

We light the Christ candle to remind all people that Jesus is the light of the world.

May God's blessing be upon our worship here today. Amen.

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World (Voices United 296)

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.

Music: English traditional melody;

adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929

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1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

A Time to Wonder

Anthem The Light of the World *by Don Besig and Nancy Price*

Scripture Reading John 8:12-20

Choral Response **Ancient Words**

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Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Reflection “I Am”

Hymn of the Day **We Have Been Called**

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1 We have been called,
We have been called to celebrate
our home here in love's wide embrace.
To bear in mind.
To bear in mind all that we share;
to join the song of love's good ways.
Hallelujah,
we have been called
to join the song of loves' good ways.

- 2 We have been held.
We have been held in tender care
as we lay wounded by the road.
Receiving grace.
Receiving healing at the hands
of strangers with the face of God.
Hallelujah,
we have been healed
by strangers with the face of God.
- 3 We have been sent.
We have been sent and gladly go
to stand where borders must be crossed.
To challenge powers,
to challenge powers, to welcome all,
embracing love's full joys and costs.
Hallelujah,
we have been sent
embracing love's full joys and costs.
- 4 We have been called,
We have been called to celebrate
our home here in love's wide embrace.
To bear in mind.
To bear in mind all that we share;
to join the song of love's good ways.
Hallelujah,
we have been called
to join the song of loves' good ways.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Music Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Fred Bock

Offering Response **What Can I Do?** (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share. **Repeat**

Offering Prayer (Alan)

The gifts of God are everywhere.
We will praise God with our words.
The gifts of God are for everyone.
We will thank God with our music.
The gifts of God are forever.
We will seek God with our hearts.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Adapted from Matthew 6: 9-13 Words & Music Glenn Parsons

Our God, who is in Heaven
Holy is Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in Heav'n.

Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive the ways that we turn from You
and help us to forgive.
Lead us not to things that tempt us,
save us from all evil,
for Yours is the kingdom
the pow'r and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Parting Hymn **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky** **(Here I Am, Lord)** Voices United 509

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1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them;
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Benediction

Take God with You

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Take God with you wherever you go.
On the mountain high, or the valley below.
On this journey, you will find joy,
if you take God with you wherever you go.

Postlude

The Heavens are Telling

by Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. by Dorothy Wells

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBUC Choir

The Life and Work of the Church – Stephen Godfrey

Lighting of the Christ Candle – The Spirit Kids

The Spirit Kids Program - Grace Cave and Moira Dennis

Prayer of Confession – Barbara Waldner

Scripture Reader – Margaret Chambers

Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley

Greeters – Willa Burke

Technical Support – Sue Christensen and Sam Boehner

Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine

Flowers are offered by Frank Gertsma

in celebration of the life of his wife, Jackie.