



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*from Psalm 112*)

*Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.*

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

**It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.**

*For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.*

**They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

HYMN* *“O God of Love, This Is a Time of Turning”*

*Written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, used by permission
(see insert)*

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:13-20

Traci McCoy

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

OLD TESTAMENT* – Isaiah 58:1-12

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

"Mending Walls"

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(A Declaration of Faith)*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good,

to share what we have. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER – *Bill Rumley*

HYMN* *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"* 753

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 543

**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES