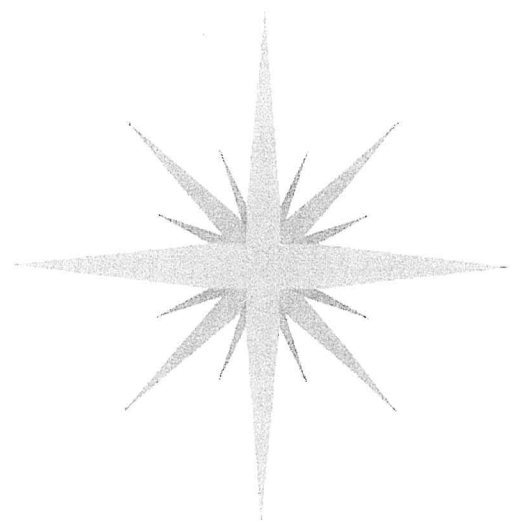


***Fifth Sunday after the  
Epiphany  
February 8, 2026  
10:30 a.m.***

**OUR LORD'S**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*There's a Place for You Here*



*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music

Graceful Engagement

**Think on This for Today**

*Don't give up on humility, but to understand that true humility is about focusing on others, particularly those society has marginalized and abused the most. Thus the call to action.*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

Settling In

Prelude

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

**ALL voices: I am here!**

\*Call to Worship

People of God, why are you here?

**We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

People of God, who do you worship?

**We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

People of God, how do you worship?

**We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**

*cont.*

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!  
**May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood,  
community, and the whole earth.**

\*Opening Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" vs. 1, 3  
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\*Opening Prayer

**God of compassion and justice, the worship You choose for us is to  
loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share  
bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then Your  
light shall break forth like the dawn and Your healing shall spring  
up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship You,  
not just with our words, but with our hearts and our lives. Glory  
and honor be to You, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new  
earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Handbell Anthem "Thy Word"

written by Michael W. Smith  
arr. Becky Perreault

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 58:1-12 NIRV

Sermon "The Today We Are Facing"

## RESPONDING TOGETHER

*(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)*

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to  
reveal Your love for ALL people. We confess that our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we  
ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God.**

**In Your mercy, fill us with Your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

Silent Reflective Prayer Moment

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven.

**Forgiven and free, may we be strengthened in all goodness.  
Thanks be to God.**

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

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Invitation to Giving Action

The peace of Christ be with you ALL!  
**And, also with you.**

\*Doxology

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**Praise Love who made all time and space.  
Praise Love who came in truth and grace.  
Praise Love on humankind outpoured,  
that ALL may love forevermore.**

\*Blessing Prayer

**Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect Your mercy and our living mirror Your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray, let it be so.**

\*Responsive Sending Forth

God has called us to embrace the mission of Jesus as our own.  
**Our sight is not equal to this vision, and our strength is not equal to this task.**

God gives light to those who walk in darkness and grants strength to those who carry heavy loads.

**We go out to see light and to be light led by the strength of the Holy Spirit and the unconditional love of God.**

## \*Charge and Final Blessing

*Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"*

\*Closing Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" vs. 4  
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## \*Postlude

**Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available. Visit our tech room and someone will help you.**

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 58:1-12 *"The fast that God chooses"*; Psalm 112:1-10 *"Light shines in the darkness"*; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 *"God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit"*; Matthew 5:13-20 *"The teaching of Christ: salt and light"*



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**Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...**

Wendi Haubert, Izzy Veit, Dave Smith, Rebecca Landgraf, Kathy Depies, Decker Henninger, Amy Veit, Karen Haubert, Don Mains, and the OLUMC handbell choir: Keith Chipman, Terry Chipman, Lynda McDowell, Judie Liebenstein, Lois McGarry, Chris Clements, Debbie Huyck, Pat Garrigues, Becky Perreault

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Worship resource: Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>, Discipleship Ministries, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/>, Doxology from "Praising God" by Ruth C. Duck/Patricia Wilson-Kastner

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*"Love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously"*