

Let your light *shine*  
before others, so that  
they may see your good  
works and give *glory* your Father  
in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

February 8, 2026  
10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship  
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

This Little Light of Mine

Cornell

## Worship Song

### The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick

### Verse

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

### Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

### Bridge 1

May His favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

### Bridge 2

May His presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

### Bridge 3

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you  
He is for you

### Tag

He is for you, He is for you

## Confession

P: Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community,

C: **but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the grace of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*(Refrain)*

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of all.

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy.

Hear us as we sing...

*(Refrain)*

God, our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. You give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones.

Holy Healer, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick, especially those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud at this time.... We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. We give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior, and we sing our amen...

*(Refrain)*

*(Children may head out for C&C Kids)*



**This Week's Story: Jesus Calls the Disciples**  
**Icebreaker Question: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Welcome Home and Announcements (See back page for additional announcements.)**

## **THE WORD**

### **Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Melody Simpkins

## THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6: 6-8

Offertory Response

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, stanza 1

Linstead



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

### Statement of Belief

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## COMMUNION

### Come to the Table— Everyone's Invited!

*Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!*

### Words of Institution

#### The 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 trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who  
 trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, who is of heaven,  
 Holy is your name  
 Your kingdom come  
 Your will be done  
 On earth as it is in heaven  
 Give us today our daily bread  
 And forgive us our trespasses

OR

As we forgive those who trespass against us  
 And lead us not into temptation  
 and deliver us from evil  
 For yours is the kingdom  
 And the power, and the glory  
 now and forever, Amen.

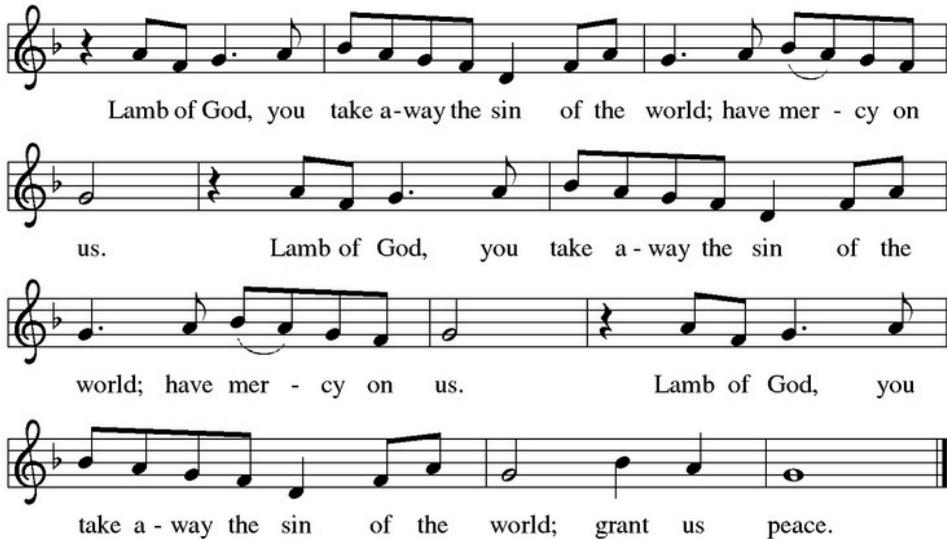
## Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

*(Please be seated)*

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### Communion Song

#### Unshakeable Grace

Simpkins

#### Verse 1

I thought I could stand alone until I hit the ground  
Never knew I's lost until I was found  
You rescued me (x2),  
you took away my shame  
Lost as I am, you gave me my name

#### Verse 2

I left you for you dead and tried to steal your pride  
But you waited and hoped after me  
I laid in my tomb till you called me to life  
And came running, came running for me  
You came running, came running for me

#### Chorus

So I'm laying down, All of my arms  
You're singing my name, in a symphony of grace  
You carry my home, you set me a place  
When I was hungry, you gave me a taste  
Of your restless, unshakable grace  
Of your restless, unshakable grace

#### Verse 3

I was covered in chains that I put on myself  
My darkness stole my Victory  
But on that third day when you came back to life  
You took my chains, now forever I'm free  
took my chains, now forever I'm free

#### Bridge

When I was in prison  
When I was in doubt  
You threw away my sin  
And carried me out  
So I'm laying down, All of my arms  
You're singing my name, in a symphony of grace  
You carry my home, you set me a place  
When I was hungry, you gave me a taste  
Of your restless, unshakable grace  
Of your restless, unshakable grace

## **The Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
± bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

### **Do It Again**

Furtick, Redman, Brown, Brock

#### **Verse 1**

Walking around these walls  
I thought by now they'd fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come  
Knowing the battle's won  
For you have never failed me yet

My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough  
Keep me within your love  
My heart will sing your praise again

#### **Chorus**

Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet

#### **Bridge**

I've seen you move  
You move the mountains  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again  
You made a way  
Where there was no way  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again

#### **Verse 2**

I know the night won't last  
Your word will come to pass

#### **Ending**

You've never failed me yet  
I never will forget  
You've never failed me yet  
I never will forget

## **The Doxology** (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

## **Sending**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**