



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Scout Sunday  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon  
February 08, 2026  
9:30am**

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

🔔 The Bells of Kirkpatrick

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gathering of the People*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and delight greatly in God's commandments

People: **They are light in the darkness for the upright.**

Liturgist: The Lord calls us to lose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry

People: **Then our light shall break forth like the dawn.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to be light for the world.

People: **Let us worship God.**

### \*GATHERING SONGS

"Your Name"

Paul Baloché and Glenn Packiam

"Thy Word"

Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. God, through the prophet Isaiah, calls us to a faith that heals, feeds, frees, and restores. But too often our light is hidden, our salt loses its flavor, and our lives fall short of the love we proclaim. Confident that God desires not condemnation but renewal, let us come honestly before God and confess our sin together. Let us pray

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Righteous God, you call us to be salt of the earth and light to the world, yet we confess that we have often lost our savor and hidden our light under bushels of fear and apathy. We have gone through the motions of worship, offering you empty rituals while our hearts remain far from your justice. We have fasted for our own interests, yet continue to look away from the vulnerable. We confess that we have preferred the comfort of darkness over the cost of being a City on a Hill**

*Silent Confession*

**Forgive us, Lord, for our prideful hearts that think we can satisfy you with outward piety while ignoring the brokenness in our communities. Wash us, cleanse us, and restore us, O God. Strengthen our faith to live out your commandments. May our light break forth like the dawn, so that in all we do, you are glorified, and your righteousness shines through us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #813

*The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, you promise wisdom not of this age but revealed through your Spirit. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our minds, soften our hearts, and teach us how to live as your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 58:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20

p. 735  
p. 958

**SERMON**

*Responding to the Word*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Here I Am, Lord"

played by Chris Boyce, Scoutmaster

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that true worship is lived out in generosity, kindness, and justice. Our offerings are one way we let God's light shine— through caring for neighbors, strengthening the community, and repairing what is broken in the world. With thankful hearts, let us give as we are able, trusting God to use these gifts for good

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and trust. Bless them, and bless us, that our lives may reflect your love in word and deed. Where there is injustice, make us courageous. Where there is weariness, make us hopeful light. May all that we give and all that we are serve your purposes in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

*Sending*

**\*SENDING HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## Announcements

**Prayer Concerns** - If you are worshiping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

**🔔The Bells of Kirkpatrick** Thank you to our Ringers for the wonderful music provided this week. We appreciate your time, talent, and devotion in making our service a special experience for everyone. Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or [sharydan@gmail.com](mailto:sharydan@gmail.com) if you'd like to join them next time they play.

**Scout Sunday** - Today, we celebrate Scout Sunday with Troop 65. Thank you to all the scouts and their families for joining us in worship. The Scouts will be hosting coffee hour in the gym after the service. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments!

**Food Ministry:** Our next Grocery Giveaway is February 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-12. We gave away 21 bags of groceries at the last Giveaway.

**Building Use** this week:

Mon: 6:30pm Scouts in gym,

Tues: 8pm AA in basement

Wed: 5:30 DTAA 🕊, 6pm Bells & 7pm Band practices

Thurs: 9:30am Ladies Bible Study in library, 6pm DTAA 🕊 in gym, 8pm AA

Sat: 4pm AA

Sun: 9:30am Worship

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