

Service of Worship
February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:8: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Those who honor the Lord, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy! They shine in the dark for others who do right.

They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

Those who lend generously are good people as are those who conduct their affairs with justice. They won't be frightened at bad news. Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord. They give freely to those in need. Their righteousness stands forever. Their strength increases gloriously.

Hymn of Gathering #401 ***Gather Us In***

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are called to be salt of the earth and light for the world. But we admit how often our faith loses its flavor and our light is hidden. We choose comfort over courage, silence over witness, and our own agenda over faithful obedience. You call us to live lives shaped by love and justice and we often settle for the minimum, avoiding perceived harm rather than actively seeking the good. Forgive us, O God. Restore our purpose and renew our calling. With compassion and grace, help our words and actions reflect you and light the way for others.

Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20 (p.936)

Sermon

Rev. Todd Davidson

Music for Meditation

Offering

Doxology – Hymn #582 ***Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines On Me***

**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.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending #314 ***Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness vs. 1,2,5***

Benediction