

Stewardship 2026 Join the Journey

*"Trust in God from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God's voice in everything you do,
everywhere you go." Proverbs 3:4-6*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP 9:15 AM Worship Express Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 1, 2026

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Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Let Streams of Living Justice" Holst/Stevens

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen

P. Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Brief silence for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, 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 righteousness 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.

Stand

HYMN: "Jesus in the Morning"

**Vs. 1: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.**

Vs. 2 Love him

Vs. 3: Serve him

Vs. 4: Praise him

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

LITANY

P: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

P: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

P: The word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

SONG OF PRAISE: "We are Marching in the Light of God"

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God. (2 times)
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God. (2 times)**

Vs. 2: We are praying

Vs. 3: We are singing

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD SONG: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp, and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.**

God's Word is announced...

P: God's Word according to Micah the 6th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

God's Word: Micah 6:1-8

Listen now, listen to God: "Take your stand in court. If you have a complaint, tell the mountains; make your case to the hills. And now, Mountains, hear God's case; listen, Jury Earth—For I am bringing charges against my people. I am building a case against Israel."³⁻⁵ "Dear people, how have I done you wrong? Have I burdened you, worn you out? Answer! I delivered you from a bad life in Egypt; I paid a good price to get you out of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you—and Aaron and Miriam to boot! Remember what Balak king of Moab tried to pull, and how Balaam son of Beor turned the tables on him.

Remember all those stories about Shittim and Gilgal. Keep all God's salvation stories fresh and present."

God's People (Congregation): How can I stand up before God and show proper respect to the high God? Should I bring an armload of offerings topped off with yearling calves? Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of olive oil? Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child, my precious baby, to cancel my sin?

Narrator: But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S WORD/ WORD

Refrain to "We Are Called"

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: "We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note, with the number 5 written above it.

Refrain

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love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Stand

HYMN: "Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW #710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERTORY SONG: "This Little Light of Mine"

Vs. 1: This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. *(3 times)*
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine.

Vs. 2: Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin' let it shine. *(3 times)*
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine.

Vs. 3: Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' let it shine. *(3 times)*
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see. The body of Christ given for you. The
blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Music is played as those who wish to come forward for communion come
forward and kneel at the communion rail. Others are invited to commune in
your pew.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace till life everlasting.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Radiant God,

C: we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of
his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this
table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BLESSING

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.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Rise Up, O Saints of God” Walter/Wold