



Epiphany

February 1, 2026 at 9:30am (EST | UTC-5)

Kyle Dexter, Deacon
Michael Rupke, Elder; Ray Rowell, Assisting Elder
Kathryn Engle, Liturgist
The congregation, Ministers
Randall Engle, Preaching Minister & Organist
Carol Kenney, Pianist
Caleb Ramsey, Soloist
Willie Yuhas, Technician

Please sign and pass the blue Friendship Register located at the end of your pew.

We Enter God's Presence

Gathering Music: Variations on *Amazing Grace* Denis Bédard

Our Call to Worship

***Our Opening Hymn:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal 579

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

***A Song of Praise:** *Jesus, the Light of the World* Hymnal 100

Our Morning Offerings are Received

Hearing the Word

The Scripture Lessons: Luke 15:11–31 *The Bible*, page 1624

One: This is the Word of the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

The Anthem: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Albert Peace, arr. Michael Ware

O Love that will not let me go I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depth its flow may richer, fuller be

O light that follows all my way I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seeks me through the pain I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be

O cross that lifts up my head I dare not ask to hide from Thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be

The Sermon: *Lost Sons*

Our Morning Prayers

Receiving the Sacrament

The Thanksgiving:

Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right for us to give thanks.
**It is our joy and our peace at all times
and in all places to give thanks to You,
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God,
through Christ our Lord.**
Minister: Eternal God, we praise You that You in Your glory . . .
and we all join to sing with joy:
People: (Hymnal 538:4):
**Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

The Institution

The Prayer of Consecration (concluded with everyone praying 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation and Indication of the Elements

The Communion

You may come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor; the assisting elder will usher you forward when it is time. If you choose not to receive the elements, cross your arms as a signal.

During the communion, the soloist will first offer *Far from Home We Run, Rebellious* by Herman Stuempfle:

Far from home we run, rebellious
Seeking cities bright with dreams
Casting loose from love that claims us
Craving life that glitters, gleams

Dreams that lured us on have vanished
Freedom's road has run its course
All that glittered now lies tarnished
Robbed of joy by guilt, remorse

Long the road that winds us homeward
Faint the hope that love still waits
Yet the feet that once were wayward
Lead us toward familiar gates

Swift a father runs to meet us
Bearing love that covers shame
Sin and guilt no more defeat us
Grace restores a home, a name

Arms long empty close around us
Binding hearts in warm embrace
Love we lost once more has found us
Shines again from face to face

Bread and wine for celebration
On the table now are spread
Songs ascent in jubilation
For we live who once were dead



The pianist will then lead us in devotion during the distribution. When it's time to conclude, we will sing stanza one of *Jesus Loves Me* (Hymnal 709).

The Prayer after Communion (prayed together):

Father of all, we give You thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
You met us in Your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, He declared Your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope You have set before us,
so we and all Your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise Your name. Amen.

God Sends Us

***Our Closing Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* Hymnal 691

***The Organ Postlude:** *Trumpet Tune* David German

Blessed? Then bless! You have been fed and blessed by God!
You are now invited to take flowers from the Welcome Center to bless someone else.



Come share the fellowship of the forgiven! *God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts that call for our response. . . In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in His death and resurrection, and to unite us to Him and to each other. We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that He shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb* (from *Our World Belongs to God*, Psalter Hymnal p. 1031). Come Celebrate! Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

G C Am D Em G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

C Am D Em G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Em D G Em Bm G Dsus D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

G C Am D Em G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt., P.D.

Music (ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11): Welsh, in J. Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839, P.D.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Chords: E^b Gm/B^b E^b Cm B^b7

1 Hark the her - ald an - gels sing.
 2 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise.
 3 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored.
 4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace.

Chords: E^b B^b F B^b7

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Chords: E^b E^baug/G F^o Cm F^o

Glo - ry to the new - born King.
 Join the tri - umph of the skies.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 Hail, the Sun of right - eous - ness!

Chords: E^b/B^b B^b7 E^b

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Words: ref. George D. Elderkin; st. Charles Wesley (1707-1788), P.D.

Music (WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT 7.7.7.7 refrain 5.4.10.11.7): George D. Elderkin; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953) © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

Refrain E^b

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

$Cm7$ $F7$ B^b7

Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright. Oh,

E^b $A^b\text{maj}7$ D^b7

shine all a - round us by day and by night.

E^b/B^b B^b7 E^b *Fine last time* B^b7 *To stanzas*

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Optional acclamation

By the power of your Spirit, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 In times of joy and gladness, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 In times of sorrow and despair, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Grateful for the light of your Word, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Grateful for the gift of your church, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Called to witness to your love, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**

[Add other phrases as appropriate. The words for the congregation can be spoken or sung to the first four measures of the refrain above, which can be repeated like a vamp. Conclude by singing the entire refrain or entire hymn.]

538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ly!
 A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ly!
 D Bm A D G D

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt., P.D.

Music (NICAEA 11.12.10): John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. David McK. Williams (1887-1978), P.D.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written for three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody with a long note on 'Trin' and a final whole note on 'ty!'. The middle staff is a guitar accompaniment in G major, showing chords Bm, D, G, D7, G, and A7. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major, providing a harmonic foundation with various chords and a final double bar line.

Jesus Loves Me

C G C F C

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me— he who died heav - en's gate to o - pen wide.
 3 Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,

G C F C C/G G7 C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain F C G

Refrain
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F C/G G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Words: st. 1-2 Anna B. Warner, 1859, st. 3 David R. McGuire, 1971, P.D.

Music (JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 refrain 5.5.5.6): William B. Bradbury, 1861, P.D.

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

For an alternate arrangement see 670

Words: st. 1-4 John Newton, 1779, st. 5 *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, P.D.

Music (NEW BRITAIN 8.6.8.6): *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, P.D.