

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
10:00 a.m. February 8, 2026

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and the Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We choose the living God.

Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.

People: We will walk the way of Christ.

Leader: Faith is not about holding on.

People: Faith is about letting go.

Leader: We offer more than words, O God.

People: We offer you our lives.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

*See Insert

Simple Gifts

Shaker Melody

BUNESSAN

Psalm 8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 466 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

Go Into the World

Natalie Sleeth

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 46 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

Simplify

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death— even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

(Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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.

*Hymn 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction ***God Be with You Till We Meet Again***

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.

Simple Gifts [see Hymn 157 for tune]

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,
'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,

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'Tis the gift to have friends and a true friend to be,
'Tis the gift to think of others not to only think of "me",
And when we hear what others really think and really feel,
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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