

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
*World Interfaith Harmony Week begins;*  
*Black History Month begins*

**February 1, 2026**

**Eleven O'Clock**

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Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Bill Gast

## **PRELUDE:**

## **CHIMING THE HOUR**

**GREETINGS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **We worship God with our whole hearts,**

People: **we worship God in Spirit and truth.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** **Perfect Light of revelation, as You shone in the life of Jesus, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.**

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 307 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* CWM RHONDDA

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** **If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.**

## **Let us pray together**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the world we come to You as contrite people. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to care for our fellow humans and turned away from those in need. Forgive us for our failings and teach us to follow where You lead. Help us to show our devotion in all we say and do. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about **20 seconds, say,**) We ask these things in Christ’s name. Amen

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **You may be seated**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.**

## **Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION O God, You spoke Your word and revealed Your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming Your joyful promises to all nations and singing of Your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, Your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

**PSALTER LESSON Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 27:1, 4-9 please read it responsively with me.**

Leader: **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

People: **One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.**

Leader: **For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will set me high on a rock.**

People: **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Leader: **Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

People: **“Come,” my heart says, “seek His face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Leader: **Do not hide Your face from me. Do not turn Your servant away in anger, You who have been my help.**

People: **Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 9:1-4, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 638 of the Old Testament

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:** “*Blest are They*” (the congregation can sing along with the chorus Hymn No. 172)

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 4:12-23 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 3-4 of the New Testament

**Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

**Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:**

**\*HYMN** No. 418 “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*” SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

**You may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERTORY:

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of light, through the power of the cross You shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as Your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow You into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **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**

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 372 "*O for a World*" AZMON

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 515 vs. 5 "*I Come with Joy*" DOVE OF PEACE

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

# Daily Bread

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group – Planning Meeting

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Mirielle said the election went well, but the current leader refuses to leave office, so  
please continue to pray for Cameroon

Travel mercies for all our friends and members traveling