

**First Congregational Church**  
United Church of Christ  
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**The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 8, 2026 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

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**We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:**      **Lord bless this new year, guide and come.**      Jocelyn Soriano  
                 **May there be peace for everyone.**  
                 **Lord, may your blessings fill our hearts**  
                 **and may we live our days with love.**

**Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!  
Happy are those who delight in the Lord!  
**We come to this place,**  
**where generations before us have gathered.**  
Here we remember the light of God that shines in our lives.  
**Here we allow God's light to shine through us.**  
Let us worship our radiant God.  
**Praise the Lord!**  
**Happy are we who delight in the Lord!**

**\*Hymn # 492      "Many Are The Lightbeams"**

Words: Cyprian of Carthage, 252; tr. Anders Frostenson, 1972, 1986  
Music: Olle Widestrand, 1974; harm. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

Many are the light beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.  
Many are the light beams from one light; We are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus.  
Many are the branches of the one tree, we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.  
Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus.  
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.  
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

**Invocation: A Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the Light of the World,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
Forgive us, God.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,  
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ  
into our world.

*A moment of silent reflection.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Rev. Biggar*

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;  
know that our sins have been forgiven.  
May we be strengthened in all goodness.  
Since we have been raised with Christ,  
let us seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Response: **Thanks be to God. AMEN**

**\*Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. — Response: **And also with you.**

**Choir Anthem – *Dona Nobis Pacem***

*Traditional, arr. Emily Lund*

**Discipleship for All Ages**

**Hymn for All Ages # 297 “Dona Nobis Pacem”**

Words: Traditional Latin Music: Traditional

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

## **Introduction to Scripture**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:13-20

**Meditation**      “Salt and Light”

*Rev. Biggar*

## **Prayers of the People**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

## **The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)**

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.

## **Invitation to Offering**

## **Offertory**

**\*Doxology:**    Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
                     Praise God, all creatures here below;  
                     Praise God for all that love has done;  
                     Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

## **\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Abundant God, we are grateful for the ways  
you bless our lives and for the gifts you give us.  
May these gifts help heal and restore our community,  
so that all will flourish like a well-watered garden.  
AMEN

**\*Hymn #442 verses 1 and 2                      “Siyahamba (We Are Walking)”**  
Words and Music: South Africa (20th Century)

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.

**\*Benediction**

*Rev. Biggar*

May the love of God bring forth healing and restoration  
all of your days.

May the light of Christ guide your way.

And may the Holy Spirit empower you  
to do the good work of God. Amen.

**Response:        Go forth into the world  
                      Rejoicing in the power of the spirit  
                      Thanks be to God, thanks be to God,  
                      Thanks be to God, Amen! (repeat)**

Mary (Mitzie) Collins

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**Postlude**

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

\* Those who are able may stand.

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## THIS WEEK\*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tuesday, February 10 – Tuesday Gals at 10am / Trustees at 6pm

Wednesday, February 11 –Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 12 – Discipleship at 1pm

Saturday, February 14 – Pet Place Pantry 9-10 am

Sunday, February 15 – Choir at 8:30am / Faith Formation following Worship

## **IN OUR PRAYERS\***

**Congregation & Community:** Sheila Babcock, David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns.

**Wider World:** People recovering from natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world, Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.  
Peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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