

Sunday Worship
February 8, 2026 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: We are the Salt & Light

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Blessed Quietness" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Leader

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 112 Leader

Leader: Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

People: **Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

People: **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Leader: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: **Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**

***Opening Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Gracious God, You call us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As we gather to worship, season our hearts with your grace and set our lives aglow with your truth. Shine through us so that all we do points back to you. Shape us not only to hear your Word, but to live it – faithful to your ways, hungry for righteousness, and joyful in obedience. May our worship service today honor you and renew us for your work in the world. In the name of Jesus, the true Light. Amen

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Here I Am to Worship"

Tim Hughes

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 58:1-12](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 5:13–20](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Seasoned & Shining" Patti Early

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Pass It On" UMH #572

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, All that we have, you have provided. As we bring these gifts, we offer ourselves as well – our hands, our voices, our daily lives. Use what we give today to season the world with your grace and to shine your love into places that need hope. Strengthen us to live faithfully, so that our actions reflect the righteousness Jesus has taught us. In your name we pray, Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Go to the World" WS #3158

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175
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Postlude

Join Us for Souper Bowl of Caring

Coming Up:

February 15th. - for Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word in Matthew as we see the Transfiguration of Jesus ([Matthew 17:1-9](#)) Are you dwelling in His light?

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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"Growing in the Body of Christ"