

**February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Blended Worship Service**



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*Congregation responses are in bold*

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. David Houdeschell

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude Ancient Words

Lynn DeShazo

*Please stand as you are able*

*We welcome Jesus into our presence as we  
turn to follow the cross as it is processed through our worship space*

Great is the Lord

53



Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is



love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now



lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the



Lord! Great is the Lord!

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*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

PM: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

PM: Let us pray.

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

A reading from Micah:

(Micah 6:1-8 Pew Bible,  
Old Testament, page 672)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 15**

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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Thy word



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

(1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 127)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able*

2 I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

I will love you to the end.

Chords: C, Gm, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Bb/F, F, C, Gm, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Dm, D, A/C#, Csus, C<sup>7</sup> Refrain

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas  
 Music: Amy Grant

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The holy gospel according to St. Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible,  
 New Testament, page 3)

The reading concludes with:  
 The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

# What have we to offer?

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1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
 2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
 3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins          from the      cof - fer,      hearts      filled with      care.  
 Love,          ripe with      laugh - ter;      hope      that we can      sing;  
 Eyes          that are wide      o - pen;      lies      that we won't      live;



God          will not      fal - ter;      so          let us      dare  
 dreams      of what we're      af - ter;      prom - is - es      of when.  
 truth          that must be      spo - ken;      jus - tice          some - how.



lay      it at      the      al - tar      there.  
 Lay      it at      the      al - tar      then.  
 Lay      it at      the      al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives      we will live.

PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Make me a servant

96

Musical score for the hymn "Make me a servant". The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day." The score includes various chords such as F, Dm7, Gm7, C7, Gm7, Bb/C, C7, Bb/F, F, F sus 2, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G2/B, Bbm6, F/A, Gm7, F/A, Gm7, F/C, C7 sus, and F2.

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AM: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

AM: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

AM: God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

AM: God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

AM: God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

AM: God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,

**Sandy Cizek**

AM: God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

AM: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Make me a servant

96

Musical score for the hymn "Make me a servant". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has four measures with lyrics "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek." The second staff has six measures with lyrics "Lord, let me lift up those who are weak." The third staff has four measures with lyrics "And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, Dm7, Gm7, C7, Gm7, Bb/C, C7, Bb/F, F, Fsus4, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G2/B, Bbm6.

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Musical score for the hymn "Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant to-day." The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: "Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,". The second staff has three measures with lyrics: "make me a ser - vant to - day." Chords are indicated above the notes: F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup> on the first staff; F/C, C<sup>7</sup> sus, F<sup>2</sup> on the second staff.

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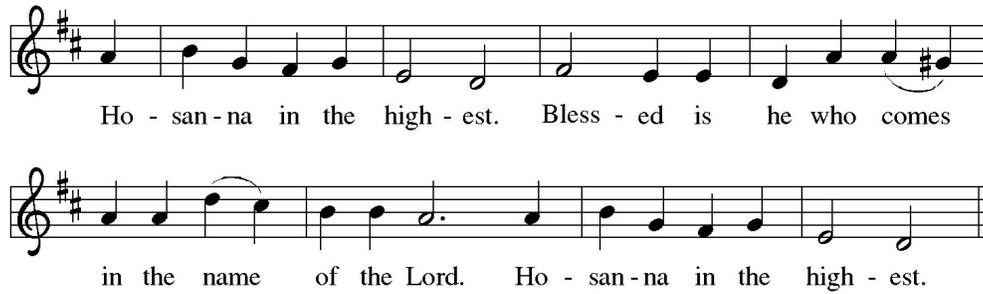
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,  
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

PM: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown fourth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Musical score for the hymn "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,". The second staff has four measures with lyrics: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The key signature has one sharp (F#).

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PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

PM: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. ✠  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace to earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.**

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please be seated*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God. Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music Beautiful One

Tim Hughes

*Please stand as you are able*

PM: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

PM: Today, communion will be taken to some of Zion's shut-ins. Our prayers go with those who deliver them, as they not only share Christ's Body and Blood with those who are unable to be present with us this morning, but they also take the blessings of the whole congregation.  
**Amen.**

AM: Let us pray,  
**Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,

**Lord, my hope and strength come from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus' sake.**

**Amen.**

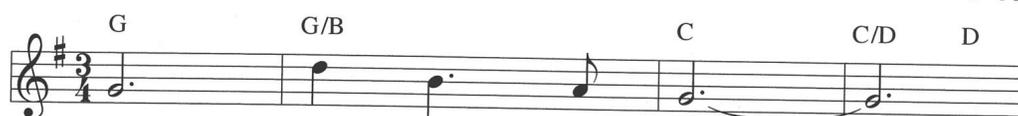
PM: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
✦ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.  
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

## We are called

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1 Come! Live in the light!  
2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

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*Refrain*

Am<sup>9</sup> G/B C D D/F# C/G D/G G G/B C

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to

D Em Em<sup>7</sup>/D G/B C D D/F#

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C/G D/G G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C D C/G D/G G

oth-er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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PM: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude I Lift My Eyes Up

Brian Doerksen



**COME AS YOU ARE**

Casual  
Worship  
Service  
Every  
Wednesday  
7pm



**stewardship**

**MEETING FEBRUARY 5TH AT 7PM**

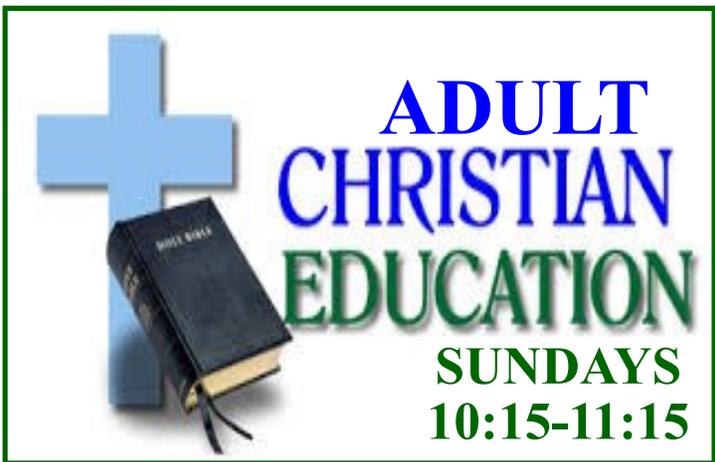


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CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

**SUNDAYS  
10:15-11:15**



**worship  
ministry**

**MEETING  
February  
3rd at  
7pm**



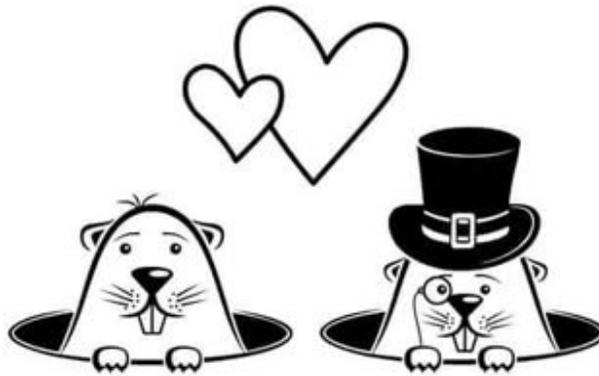
**Bible  
Adventure**

**BIBLE  
ADVENTURE  
EVERY  
SUNDAY  
10:15AM**



This week we pray for all those affected by war.

Submit your prayer requests to  
Jayne Schrader at  
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# FEBRUARY

## WORD SEARCH

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ARROW  
 CHILI DAY  
 CHINESE NEW YEAR  
 CHOCOLATE  
 CUPID  
 FEBRUARY  
 FLOWERS  
 FRIENDS  
 GROUNDHOG DAY  
 KINDNESS  
 LEAP YEAR  
 LOVE  
 MARDI GRAS  
 NUTELLA  
 PARTY  
 PRESIDENTS DAY  
 SUPER BOWL  
 SWEETHEART  
 VALENTINES  
 WINTER

## **2026 Lent Schedule**

**February 18th**

**Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm**

**February 22nd**

**Lent Service at 6:15pm  
(Dinner At 5:30pm)**

**March 1st**

**Lent Service at 6:15pm  
(Dinner At 5:30pm)**

**March 8th**

**Lent Service at 6:15pm  
(Dinner At 5:30pm)**

**March 15th**

**Lent Service at 6:15pm  
(Dinner At 5:30pm)**

**March 22nd**

**Lent Service at 6:15pm  
(Dinner At 5:30pm)**

**March 29th**

**Palm Sunday Service at 9:00am**

### **SCOUT SUNDAY**

**Readers:** Owen Casper, Jonah Casper, and Austin Draher

**Acolyte:** Nolan Ramsey

**Announcements:** Evan Heil



#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Guest Minister: Rev. David Houdeschell

Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl

Acolyte: Ben Keith

Accompanist: Susan Kaschak

Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson and  
Paul Bagocius

Chancel Guild: Jane Fairman & Janet Slease

Reader: Mark Denman

Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

Flowers By: Kay Reiss in honor of my seven  
grandchildren

#### **February 8, 2026 Worship Leaders**

Guest Minister: Rev. David Houdeschell

Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler

Acolyte: Eli Haga

Accompanist: Susan Kaschak

Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and  
Paul Bagocius

Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter & Linda Smith

Reader: Laura Thompson

Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek

Flowers By: Jayne Schrader in memory of Lee and  
Eona Fischer