



The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:30am

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

You are invited to greet those around you and share signs of Christ's peace.

GATHERING SONG

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord *stanzas 1-2*

No. 628

1. Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

2. Love, I will love you, Lord...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 112

Meg Brown, *liturgist*

People of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,

those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed

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

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed.

We are God's very own, called together here this day

Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

No. 49

CONFESSON AND PARDON

Call to Confession

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

The Call to Worship, Confession and Pardon, Prayer for Illumination, Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, and

Affirmation of Faith were adapted from liturgy provided by Owen J. Gray for *Presbyterian Outlook*.

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now.

Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**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.**

During the Response to Pardon, the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward to sit in the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Following the Time with Children, young worshipers may remain in worship or choose to attend Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20 NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Prophets

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Don't Tell Me You're Sorry! Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

* HYMN OF RESPONSE Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples No. 757

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human

well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

For the Fruit of All Creation

No. 36

During this time, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND 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 debts¹ 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.

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*SENDING HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

No. 753

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Following the Postlude, you are invited to enjoy refreshments, coffee, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

¹ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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