



An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ

8 February 2026 – 10:30 AM
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE	<i>The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise</i> JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals Chris Charman, bass; Jeff Hanson, drums	Ernest Seitz
WELCOME		the Rev. David Pattee, pastor
*GATHERING SONG #742	<u>1) in unison 2) repeated as a round</u> Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, Gathered here in one strong body, Gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	in dialogue with <i>Psalm 119</i>	Susie Land, liturgist
One:	Happy are those who walk in God's ways.	
All:	Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.	
One:	Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.	
All:	Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.	
One:	Come, let us sing to the Lord our God, and ever live in God's love.	
All:	We come to worship the One who leads us in the way of life.	
*HYMN 309 [hymn sheet]	<i>We Are Your People</i> (stanzas 1-4)	WHITFIELD
*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS		
	Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven: May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe. May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small. And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us. Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.	
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS		
*GREETING OF PEACE		

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Susie Land

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

ANTHEM

Reach Out and Touch

Ashford & Simpson

SERMON

ICE Melt

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE 584

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery,
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



OFFERTORY

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

Walk Tall

Joe Zawinul

*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 181 [hymn sheet]

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let the Sunshine In

James Rado & Jerome Ragni

After worship today...

SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT LUNCH

11:45am-1pm – Education Building

An Open and Affirming gathering with good food and fun people. For college students, graduate students, and recent grads. (If you'll need a ride back to campus, let us know!)

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit - y of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit - y of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Cit - y of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the Cit - y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

We Are Your People

Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1993

Unison

1 We are your peo - ple: Spir - it of grace,
 2 Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed,
 3 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live
 4 Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see

you dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors
 may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
 clos - er than neigh-bors, o - pen to strang - ers,
 in all life's chang-ing, where Christ is lead - ing,

1 & 6 Last time, end 2-5

of ev - ery cul - ture and place. lead and be led.
 will - ing to a - ble to clash and for - give.
 where our best ef - forts should be.

5 Give, as we ven-ture
 jus-tice and care
 (peace-ful, in-sist-ing,
 risk-ing, re-sist-ing),
 wis-dom to know when and where.

6 Spir-it, u-nite us,
 make us, by grace,
 will-ing and read-y,
 Christ's liv-ing bod-y,
 lov-ing the whole hu-man race.

Originally written in 1973 for the hymnal of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales, New Church Praise, this text was revised by Brian Wren in 1993. The tune is named for the composer's father-in-law, who served as chair of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Tune: WHITFIELD Irr.
 John Wilson, 1975