

**February 8, 2026 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Thought to ponder:** *"I have yet to learn that I am not designed to carry the burden of men. Rather, I am designed to carry the love of God so that I might soothe the burden of men."* — Craig D. Lounsbrough

**Welcome**

**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church**

**Prelude: What a Wonderful World**

**Passing the Peace:**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

**Christ Candle Lighting:**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

**All: so God's grace, mercy, and justice shines among us.**

One: We gather with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder,

**All: trusting that God's love and peace are present here.**

One: Come and worship as you are,

**All: for all are welcome and all are loved.**

One: We come to praise the Holy One

**All: and to open our hearts to God's transforming presence.**

**Hymn: VU #333 Love Divine, All Loves  
Excelling**

**Love divine, all loves excelling  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as they hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

**Gathering Prayer:**

**Holy One, Source of life and light, in you we live and move and have our being. From the beginning, you called order out of chaos, set sun and moon and stars in the heavens, and entrusted creation to your care and ours. You continue to call us into lives of meaning and purpose, inviting us to walk in your ways of justice, wisdom, and compassion.**

**Time for Young at Heart:**

**It's Okay to be Different**

**Hymn: MV #178 Who Is My Mother**

**Who is my mother,  
who is my brother?  
All those who gathered  
round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit blown people  
born from the Gospel  
Sit at the table,  
round Jesus Christ.**

**Differently abled,  
differently labelled,  
Widen the circle round  
Jesus Christ:  
Crutches and stigmas,  
culture's enigmas,  
All are accepted  
round Jesus Christ.**

**Love will relate us  
 colour or status  
 Can't segregate us  
 round Jesus Christ:  
 Family failings,  
 human derailing,  
 All are accepted  
 round Jesus Christ.**

**Bound by one vision,  
 met for one mission  
 We claim each other,  
 round Jesus Christ:  
 Here is my mother,  
 here is my brother,  
 Kindred in Spirit,  
 through Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.**

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**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Scripture:**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a** the fast God chooses

**Matthew 5:13-20** You are salt; you are light

**Ministry of Music: Just Like Salt**

**Reflection: Shout, Shout, Shout it all out...**

**Hymn: TLUS #30**

**We're the Light of All the World**

We're the light of all the world,

We are a city on a hill,

We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,

We will not hide our lamp  
 Beneath a bushel anymore,  
 We will shine a ray of hope  
 that's burning bright.

**We are a rainbow,  
 sign of covenant and peace  
 For the flood of tears  
 will finally cease to be,  
 Come shine your rainbow,  
 Splash your hues across the sky,  
 Paint the world in colours  
 Proud and bold and free.**

We're a coat of many colours  
 Sewn from many different threads,  
 Covering all in warmth,  
 in welcome and in grace,  
 God said "Let there be light",  
 Created every varied shade,  
 In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

**Refrain**

We are hope to still believe  
 in tomorrow's better day,  
 We are peace in a world that's torn apart,  
 We are joy that will last  
 In all the struggles that we face  
 We are love that blooms  
 and grows in every heart.

**Refrain**

When we face the storms of life,  
 We will never be alone,  
 For our God will be with us on the way,  
 Here we are, side by side,

We won't be frightened anymore,  
As the mourning night of tears  
breaks into day.

**Refrain**

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**Prayers of the People:**

**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 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.**

**Invitation to Generosity:**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Generous God, we give thanks for the  
abundance of your love and for the  
blessings we share in this life. Bless  
these gifts and our lives together, that  
all may be used to build up your reign  
of justice, peace, and compassion in  
the world. Amen.**

**Hymn: VU #87 *I Am the Light of the World***

vs 1,2,4

**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.**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the shepherds  
have found their way home,  
The work of Christmas is begun:

**Refrain**

To find the lost and lonely one,  
To heal the broken soul with love,  
To feed the hungry children  
with warmth and good food,  
To feel the earth below, the sky above!

**Refrain**

To bring hope to every task you do,  
To dance at a baby's new birth,  
To make music in an old person's heart,  
And sing to the colours of the earth!

**Refrain.**

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**Benediction:**

**Sung Benediction: *Go With God***

**Go with God, go in Peace**

**Go with blessings that never cease.**

**With the assurance that love will heal**

**Living life in God's light revealed.**

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**Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu,**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**

**Alleluia.**

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## Announcements

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Reader for this week: Youth**

**Reader for next week: Lee**

**Greeter this week: Youth**

**Greeter next week: John and Muriel**

**Tellers this week: Bonnie, Paul**

**Tellers next week: Shirley, Jo Ann**

**A/V this week: Al**

**A/V next week: John**

**Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service

**Valentine Social after the service.**

**Tuesday** 11:00 Worship meeting

7:00 Fundraising

**Wednesday** 6:00 Choir rehearsal

**Friday** 6:30 Youth Group.

**Next Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

**Good News and Caring Corner:** If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

**Coldest Night of the Year Sussex Sharing Club fundraiser.** Join the St. Paul's Striders team to raise funds on the CNOY walk February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Register online at

<https://en.cnoy.org/location/sussex>

There will be a soup and chili function after the service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February as a fundraiser for the Striders. Freewill offering.

**Lenten Book Study: *Bless, Break, Share.***

Conversation groups will be held for the Lenten season during the coffee and conversation that happens in Lent. Copies are \$20 and assistance is available for those who need it. Limited supply.

**Offering Envelopes** are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Grocery Cards:** We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

**Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.**

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.