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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

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

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

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### GREETING

### \*GATHERING VERSE: VU #242 – "Let All Things Now Living"

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*(Davis)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

*We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

### WELCOME and INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

### LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

### LIGHTING the CHRIST CANDLE

*~lit by Terry Munro*

*Jesus said: "I am the light of the world."*

**We light this candle to remember Jesus,**

**whose Spirit is present with us.**

*Jesus also told his followers: "You are the light of the world."*

**May Christ's light shine through us wherever we go.**

### LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

*And as we light this second candle, we pray for peace:*

**peace in our hearts,  
peace in our homes,  
peace in our world.**

*As we follow and learn from Jesus, the Prince of Peace,*

**O God, we pray for peace. Amen.**

### SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

***Peace be with you.***

***And also with you.***

### CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Matthew 5: 13-20)

(Adapted from Beth W. Johnston; from *Gathering A/C/E 2013-14.*)

*Come, beloved people of God.*

**We come to worship.**

*Come, salt of the earth.*

**We come to add seasoning and vitality.**

*Come, light of the world.*

**We come to bring light to those around us.**

*Come, and let us worship God together.*

### \*OPENING HYMN: "This Little Light of Mine"

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~Joanne Diplock

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? (NO!) I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? (NO!) I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? (NO!) I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Don't let anyone ("whfff") it out. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Don't let anyone ("whfff") it out. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Don't let anyone ("whfff") it out. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine in my hometown. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine in my hometown. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine in my hometown. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**See the light spreading `round the world. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**See the light spreading `round the world. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**See the light spreading `round the world. I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## CONVERSATION TIME

### LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Joan Knowles*

#### **Isaiah 58: 1-9a**

*Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!*

*Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.*

*Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,*

*as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness*

*and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;*

*they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.*

*"Why do we fast, but you do not see?*

*Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"*

*Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.*

*You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.*

*Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.*

*Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?*

*Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?*

*Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?*

*Is not this the fast that I choose:*

*to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke,*

*to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry*

*and bring the homeless poor into your house;*

*when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

*Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;*

*your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.*

*Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;*

*you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."*

## **Matthew 5: 13-20**

*"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.*

### Words of Response:

*These are words of our sacred story.*

*May these ancient words bring us new meaning.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION

(Adapted from Wanda Winfield; from *Gathering A/C/E 2016-2017*.)

**Merciful God,**

**you call us the salt of the earth,  
even when we have lost our flavor.**

**You call us the light of the world,  
even when we have let that light grow dim.**

**Help us to continue to season the world with justice,  
and to illuminate it with love, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

### CHOIR ANTHEM: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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*~Joanne Diplock*

### SERMON: "Being Salt and Light"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #585 – "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

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(Warner/Excell)

*~Joanne Diplock*

**1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night.  
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,**

- you in your small corner, and I in mine.**
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:  
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:  
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

## INVITATION to the OFFERING

## THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

*~Joanne Diplock*

\*Offertory Verse: #182 MV – **"Grateful"** (*chorus only, sung 2X*)  
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(Tomaszek/Hart)  
*~Joanne Diplock*

**Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.**

\*Offertory Prayer

**O God, you call us to serve you, and to follow Jesus.  
In response, we offer our gifts and ourselves,  
that they and we may be used for your work in the world.  
Bless them, and bless us,  
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

### 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 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,  
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

MEAL GRACE

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN: #209 MV – **"Go, Make a Diff'ence"**

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(Angrisano/Tomaszek)  
~Joanne Diplock

**Go make a diff'ence.  
We can make a diff'ence.  
Go make a diff'ence in the world.  
Go make a diff'ence.  
We can make a diff'ence.  
Go make a diff'ence in the world.**

- 1 We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a diff'ence in the world. R**
- 2 We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a diff'ence in the world. R**
- 3 So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a diff'ence in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a diff'ence in the world. R**

\*SENDING FORTH (Inspired by Matthew 5: 13-16)

*(From the website of the Caldwell United Methodist Church; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)*

*Our Enlivening God calls us to be salt —  
to add flavour to the world.*

*Our Enlivening God calls us to be light —  
to add illumination and beauty to the world.*

*Our Enlivening God calls us to be courageous —  
to respond to the needs of the world,  
so that God's presence may be revealed to all the world.*

\*BLESSING (Written by Connie Epp; found online.)

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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**May the Lord go with you,  
let him take your hand.  
Keep His love within you,  
until we meet again. Amen.**

(Price/Besig)

~Joanne Diplock

POSTLUDE **"Thy Word"**

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