FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRESCHOOL PRESENTATION

PRELUDE *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Appalachian Hymn

from Psalm 37

CALL TO WORSHIP Judy Knudtson

Trust in the Lord and do good.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

***HYMN 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and holy God,
you call us to repent,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near,
yet we confess how slow we are to turn toward you.
When you say, "Follow me,"
we hesitate, calculating the cost
instead of trusting your grace.
Call to us again, O Christ.
Give us courage to leave behind
whatever keeps us from you.
Make us fishers of compassion,
justice, and mercy in a hurting world.
Let your healing begin in us,
so that it may flow through to others.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 611** (v. 1) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COALITION OF SW FLORIDA Carol Papa

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Will You Come and Follow Me* Tom Trenney
(The Chancel Choir)

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 4:12-25
Philippians 4:8-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Contagious* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Judy Knudtson

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 debts, 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Laudation* Gilbert Martin

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study of Catechism*, 1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Judy Knudtson

How do you live for the love of God?
I love because God first loved me.
God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.
Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.
I live for the Lord who died and rose again,
triumphant over death, for my sake.
Therefore, I take those around me to heart,
especially those in particular need,
knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 301** (vv.1, 2 & 4) *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *O For a Thousand Tongues* Steven Phillips

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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