

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Trumpet Air"
"A Joyous Voluntary"

James Bremner
Lowell Mason

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned and heard my cry.

All: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand.

Liturgist: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
Psalm 40:1-3

* **All Singing: 670 "I Waited Patiently for God"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 353 "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Blessed is the one who trusts the Lord, who doesn't look to the proud or turn to false gods.

All: **For many are the wonders you have done, O Lord our God. The things you have planned no one can recount. Were we to speak of your blessings they would be too many to declare.**

Liturgist: Sacrifice and burnt offering you do not desire.

All: **But we desire to do your will and have your law within our hearts.**

Liturgist: With hearts of gratitude, formed in the confident hope of your grace, shaped by your blessing, and longing to do your will, hear our prayers of confession.

All: **Do not withhold your mercy from us, O Lord; may your love and truth always protect. For troubles without number surround us; our sins overtake us, we don't always see clearly, and our hearts fail within us. Be pleased O Lord, to save; O Lord, come quickly to help us. For we are poor and needy; You are our help and our deliverer.**

Psalm 40:4-17 adapted

All Singing: 623 "God, Be Merciful to Me"
Singing verses 1 – 3

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

All: **Then John gave this testimony, "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,**

Liturgist: 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

All: **I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."**

John 1:29-34 adapted

* **All Singing: 439 "I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry"**
Soloist singing verse 1, all singing verses 1 and 2

Liturgist: Colossians 2:6-10

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing: 761 "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart"**

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:1-9

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Called Out

* **All Singing: 248 “We Are Your People”**
Singing verses 1 – 4, and 6

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. St. Damian Food Pantry

OFFERTORY “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” arr. Florence Price

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen
Nobody knows my sorrow
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen
Glory, Hallelujah

Sometimes I'm up, Sometimes I'm down
Oh, yes, Lord, Sometimes I'm almost to the ground
Oh, yes, Lord, Oh, every day to you I pray,
Oh, yes Lord, For you to drive my sins away, Oh, yes Lord

“Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord” arr. Jan Sanborn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord.
And he shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall.
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great
And Far above the heav'ns
Let none be made ashamed
That wait up

* **All Singing: 964 “Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* **BENEDICTION**

Minister: You don't lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Alleluia, Amen.

Minister: God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
is faithful. *1 Corinthians 1:7-9 adapted*


* **All Singing: 348 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Postlude: “Rejoice, O Pure in Heart” arr. Alice Jordan

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Cora Varghese
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Mary McKinstry
Vocalists:	Karis Dykstra	Prayer:	Mike Vander Weele
	David Baar		
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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