

February 8, 2026 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 AM

\*Those who are able, please stand

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Today as we approach the Season of Lent, we learn each day that Jesus is the light of the World. We need to do as Jesus does. Take a breath and know that we need to live our lives in faith with others.

**February 9, 2026 Free Lunch with North Main UMC 11:00 - 12:30**

**February 9, 2026 Bible Study Continues in Parlor at 1:15 PM**

**February 15, 2026 Baptism and New Member Sunday in Sanctuary**

**February 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday Service in Chapel @ 4:00 PM**

**February 21, 2026 Winter Fest at Gloversville Library**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** “The Shepard’s Psalm (The Lord is My Shepard)

Pianist Mavis Baldwin

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (In Unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for the light that shone in Jesus, revealing unto us your holiness. We rejoice that you chased the darkness from our eyes. We are reassured to see your face turned in our direction, bidding us to come unto you. We need to continue to ever keep before us the needs of the world into which you sent your Son, Jesus who has helped each of us to see the light of the World through Him. May the blessings and love of God be with us this day.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loved the world that he said, "Let there be light." and Jesus answered, "I am the light of the world."

People: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another. And the light of Jesus shines in the darkness.

Leader: We gather in your name to worship and praise you and witness your light.

People: We come now to express our gratitude to God with our best gifts.

Leader: Our gifts are our prayers, our praise, and the gifts of our hands.

People: May this first day of the week be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you and share our gifts with others.

Leader: We should share all of the gifts that God has given us with others.

People: Then the light of Jesus will surely shine through us to others. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

**GATHERING SONG** “Where He Leads Me”

UMH 338

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (In Unison)

God of wisdom and righteousness forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Your standards and expectations of us have not changed. Fill us with the desire to know your truth and to follow your commandments. You became one with us, that we might become one with each other in the worship of you. As we come to worship today, disclose yourself more fully as we hear your written word and pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Help us to shine your light among our neighbors so that when they see the good you do through us, they may respond to your call with faith and give praise and thanks to you also. Amen

**TIME WITH GOD’S CHILDREN** SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING w/Val Kevlin

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE** Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UMH 328

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “Spring” a/k/a Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH 189)

Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Holy One, your light has come. Your light shines brightly in our humble lives. We place this offering upon your altar as an outpouring of your light within us. We share our resources with you because of the splendid ways that you have blessed us. We rejoice that these generous gifts will strengthen this congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. We dedicate them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ, who brought light to the World. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

PSALTER READING Psalm 112 UMH 833

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Affirmation from 1 Corinthians UMH 888

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 Gospel - Matthew 5: 13-20

SHARING THE STORY "Living in the Light of the World" Pastor Joyce Royal

SENDING SONG "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" UMH 671

## THE SENDING FORTH (In Unison)

You have called us, O God, to embrace the mission of Jesus as our own. Our sight is not equal to this vision, and our strength is not equal to this task. But you, O Lord, are a merciful God. You give light to those who walk in darkness, and you grant strength to those who carry heavy loads. As we leave today, may we go as a forgiven and holy people, to do the will of the one who loves us unconditionally. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE Now, on Land and Sea Descending UMH 685

Worship Reader: James Medbury, CLS Music: Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List : Mike Frederick, Elaine Schrum, Carol Sinsigalli, Family of Jamie Risedorf, Family of Mark Locatelli, Family of John Gerdes, Family of Joan Alley, Nancy Marsh, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Carol Johnson, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords, Don Williams

Please Call Carol Johnson with prayer requests 518-921-9902

# Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

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