

City Road United Methodist Church

A Lighthouse Congregation

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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Service of Word
Season of Epiphany: Bread, Bath & Beyond

January 18th, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

Introit

Words of Welcome

Pastor Josh

Word of Life: Bread

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

**Washed in the Word: Bath Psalm 139, Selected verses*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them, they are more than the sand;

I come to the end and I am still with you.

**Prayer of Approach*

God Beyond our Knowing and yet right here in our midst, grow us beyond our narrow beliefs into your expansive vision for our future. Guide us, Holy Spirit, Nudge us, Teacher Jesus. Love us, Holy One. Amen.

**Sharing Peace*

The peace of Christ, the Dawn of the New Day, be with you now!
And also with you!

*Will you greet those around you with the great news,
“It is the dawn of a new day! Thanks be to God!”*

**Hymn of Praise: Holy God, We Praise thy Name*

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Proclamation & Response

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Children's Message

A Child will lead us “Above and Beyond”

Call to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology to the tune of 95

Praise God, the One whose presence grounds;

Praise Jesus Christ, whose love surrounds;

Praise Holy Spirit, life resounds;

Praise Three in One, beyond all bounds!

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn of Preparation: Here I am Lord*

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Anthem

Gospel Good News: Beyond

John 1:43-51

Message "Beyond Belief: Presbycysis"

Pastor Josh

Sending Forth

Words for Going Forth:

Beyond the Horizon a poem by Indigo Wisdom

**Sending Hymn: To God be the Glory*

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**Benediction*