

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

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS ~ CONCERNS  
~ GOD MOMENTS~**

† **HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" **UMH #185**  
*The Light of Christ Enters*

**OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

**Holy God of compassion and justice,**

**Open our ears to Your word,**

**awaken our hearts to Your love, and**

**renew our spirits in Your presence,**

**That we may be better at bringing Your healing peace to  
our community, our country, and our world. Amen.**

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Isaiah 58:1-12

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 112:1-10 **UMH #833**

**CHORAL HYMN** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"  
**UMH #569**

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 5:13-20

**CHILDREN'S/INTERACTIVE TIME**

† **HYMN** "This Little Light of Mine" **UMH #585**

**MESSAGE** "Call to Action"

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

**OUR SOCIAL CREED & COMPANION LITANY** **BOD ¶164**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

† **Doxology** **UMH #95**

**OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**UMH #895**

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

~~ SENDING FORTH ~~

† **HYMN** “Bring Forth the Kingdom” TFWS #2190  
*The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World*

† **BENEDICTION**

† Postlude “Song of Hope” TFWS #2186

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

**Scriptures for February 15, 2026** (Transfiguration Sunday):  
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

*Thank you for joining us for worship.*

~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

**TODAY:**

–9:00 am Worship—Georgetown UMC

11:00 am Worship – South Otselic UMC

**WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:**

† **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm

† **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8:15 am;  
South Otselic, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:45(ish) am

† **Food Pantry** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 3-6 pm  
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941

† **Sunshine Shop** Thu 10-4; Fri 11-5; Sat 9-noon  
– Next open Feb 19-21, Mar 5-7, Mar 19-21;  
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.

† **Community Lunch** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, noon, South  
Otselic UMC; *next dates Feb 19, Mar 5, Mar 19*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

† Lenten Ashes – Feb 18 during office hours or appointment

† Ecumenical Lenten Services – 4 pm: Feb 22 - Taylor  
Wesleyan; Mar 1 - South Otselic UMC; Mar 8 - Cinci  
United Presbyterian; Mar 15 - Cinci Christian Union; Mar  
22 - Cinci OPLH Catholic; Mar 29 - Cinci First Baptist

† Daylight Savings begins – Mar 8, 2 am

**PRAYER LIST:** (Short Term):

**From 2/1** – Rick & Debbie Benson, Brooklyn Marquard, Jim (& Heidi) Moore, Matt Sheldon, Ed & Debbie Slocum, David Wentworth, family of Margaret Chase, Gaza, Ukraine, those dealing with severe weather

**From 1/25** –family of Bill Bowers, family of Alex Pretti, Minnesota, travelers/victims of storm

**From 1/18** –George Lott & Wenda West, family of Matthew Brooks, family of Renee Good, family of Rufus Green, family of Kodianne Lynch, family of Eleanor Price

**From 1/11** – Give God thanks!

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, Richard Bishop, David Boyer, Paul Carson, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Kevin Grewe, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Justin Sheldon, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Ella Simmons, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

**February:** 14-Dawn White; 22-Melanie Simmons;

25-Bruce Hakes

**March:** 4-Joan Hart, 18-Betty Howe; 23-Sarah Shen;

27-Debbie Benson

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## Psalm 112:1-10

UMH #833

- 1 Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments.
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their house, and their righteousness endures forever.
- 4 **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- 8 **When they see their adversaries, their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.**
- 9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

## Isaiah 58:1-12

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- 1 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.
- 2 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 delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> "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.

<sup>4</sup> Look, 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> 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?

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

# 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

<sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

<sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

<sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

<sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

<sup>11</sup> For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

<sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are

unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

<sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

NRSV

<sup>13</sup>"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.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."