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THE CONNECTION

February 15, 2026
10:30am



The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG *"Here I Am to Worship"*

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG *"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"* (Eph. 1: 17-21)

Chorus...Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse...To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Sing Chorus, then Verse then...

Bridge...Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You. Repeat Bridge 3 times...

Tag...We want to see You.

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(Please stand)

--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON *Exodus 24:8-18*

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the

mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the

sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L. Here ends the first reading.

--SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic

word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice

from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG “*Light of the World*” (John 1:1-5)**

Verse 1...O Jesus, Son of God, so full of grace and truth, the Father's saving Word; so wonderful are You. The angels longed to see, and prophets searched to find the glory we have seen revealed.

Verse 2...You shone upon the earth, but who will understand? You came unto Your own, but who will recognize? Your birth was prophesied, for You were the Messiah who came and walked upon the earth; Your glory we have seen the One and only King, and now You're living in our hearts.

Chorus...Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world, You shine upon us. Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world, You shine upon us.

Verse 3...In You, all things were made, and nothing without You. In heaven and on earth all things are held in You. And yet You became flesh, living as one of us under the shadow of the cross, where through the blood You shed You have made peace again, peace for the world that God so loves. Chorus...

Channel...And yet You became flesh, living as one of us under the shadow of the cross, where through the blood You shed You have made peace again, peace for the world that God so loves.

Sing Chorus twice, then...Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world, You shine upon us.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY “RISE, AND HAVE NO FEAR” (Text: Matthew 17:1-9)

The Rev. Rudy Maurer

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS (Sung at beginning of prayers)

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:

“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)**“The Spirit Intercedes For Us”** *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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--THE LORD'S PRAYER---Caribbean *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2... As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4... And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.

Forever and evermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6... Amen, amen, it shall be so.

Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *(John 8:12)*

Verse 1...Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me. Shine on me.

Chorus...Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 2...Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me. Shine on me. Chorus...

Verse 3...As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me. Shine on me. Sing Chorus twice...

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“How Great Is Our God” *(Psalm 148)*

Verse 1...The splendor of the King clothed in majesty let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus...How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Verse 2...And age to age He stands and time is in His hands, Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son. The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb. Chorus...

Bridge...’Cause You’re the Name above all names, and worthy of all praise. And my heart will sing: How great is our God.

Sing Chorus 4 times...

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart + in peace.

--BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. Amen.**

--CLOSING SONG “Open Up the Heavens” (Malachi 3:10; Daniel 7:10; 1 Corinthians 5: 1-7)

Verse 1...We've waited for this day; we're gathered in Your Name,
calling out to You. Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with Truth. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus...Open up the heavens; we want to see You. Open up the floodgates: a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise.

Verse 2...Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now; Lord, unveil our eyes. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. Sing Chorus twice, then...

Bridge...Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power. Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. Repeat Bridge, then...

Channel...We want to see You. We want to see You. Sing Chorus twice...

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***