

**Columbiana First United Methodist**  
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February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **Soup Sale Pre-order Deadline for February is today, Pick up will be Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 & 4:30 pm. Soups available to order: Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, Chili, Potato, Vegetable, and Ham & Bean. The cost is \$9.00 per qt. Call 330 482-2382**
- **Join us on February 15th for Chef Brad's Brunch—enjoy great food and extended fellowship.**
- **You're invited to a Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House on February 18th at 10 am. Everyone is welcome and no reservation is required.**
- **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday service 6 pm**
- **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, One Board meeting at 4:30 pm**

**\*Opening Prayer:**

**Holy God,  
Make us salt and light in this world. Season our lives with Your grace, and shine through us so others may see Your goodness. Teach us to walk in Your ways with joy and faithfulness as we worship You today. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:**

**Call to Worship:**

L: People of God, why are you here?

**P: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

L: People of God, who do you worship?

**P: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

L: People of God, how do you worship?

**P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**

L: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

**P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music

Steve Burbick

Offertory:

**\*Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service, not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect Your mercy and our living mirror Your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation:**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

**Gloria Patri**

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Message: "Called to Shine"

Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending: "God Be with You"**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come into Your house this morning longing to feel Your presence, to hear Your voice, and to worship You with all that we are.

Your Word teaches us that You are a jealous God—not jealous of what we own, but jealous for our hearts, our devotion, and our worship. We confess that there are things we hold too tightly, things we allow to take a deeper place in our lives than our relationship with You. We admit that in moments of success, we often turn inward, claiming the credit for ourselves instead of giving You the glory from which every good gift truly comes.

We also confess that we frequently seek the wisdom of others before seeking Yours. We lean on human insight while neglecting the guidance that comes from Your presence and Your Word. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to seek You first. Teach us to trust You with all our hearts, believing that You will lead us on the right path, supply every need, and take us to places we never imagined we could belong.

We have seen Your great works in our lives and in the life of this church. Yet as time passes, those memories can fade. So we pause now and ask You to bring to mind the moments when Your greatness, Your mercy, and Your grace carried us. Let those memories strengthen us as we lay our burdens before You today, trusting that You will provide the best solutions for all that we face.

In every situation, You offer a lesson. Open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds so that we may see, feel, and remember what You are teaching us—lessons that will guide us in the days to come.

We praise You for the healing You have already brought to those we love. Thank You for allowing Inez to return home. Thank You for the continued healing in Catlynn's life, and we ask that You be with her during her doctor's visit tomorrow. May her progress be steady, even surprising, so that all who witness it will give You glory.

We lift to You, Cory, Ellen, Jim Hawkins, Becky McMurray, Bob McMurray, Becky Sue, and Cora. We also join Donna in praying for a family in need of healing. You know their needs. Guide their doctors with Your wisdom. Strengthen their bodies with Your power. We believe that You are the Great Physician, and we ask You to extend Your healing hand upon them according to Your perfect will and for Your honor.

We lift to You, Gaye, and all those who have heavy hearts over the passing of her sister Joan. May You bring to them Your peace in knowing that she is in Your hands, and the memories they shared will keep her alive in their hearts until they are reunited once again in Your presence.

Lord, our world is quick to focus on the darkness. Help Your Church to point toward the good that Your Light brings. May those who have lost hope find a reason to hope again. May those who believe nothing can change listen to Your voice and see Your vision, renewing their minds and restoring their courage.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.