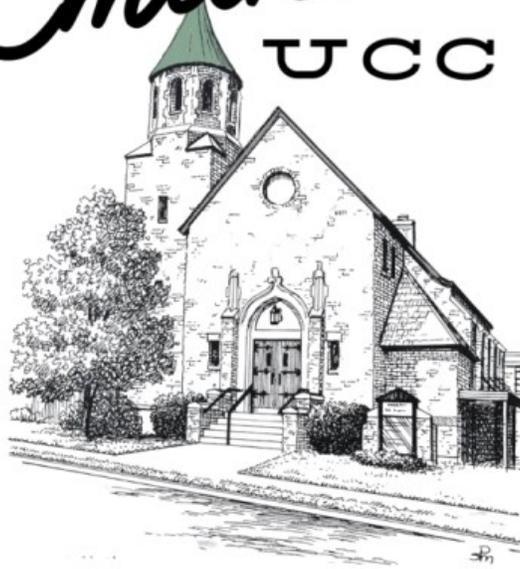


*Emanuel*  
UCC



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 8, 2026**

*Pastor Joshua W. Rau*

*A warm welcome to all today!*

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their bulletins, and sing & speak loudly!

We value the noise made by our children! We have a nursery available in our education building with a video feed of our service.

**Visitors**, we are glad you are here! Please sign our Guest Register and feel free to fill out a “welcome slip” in the pews.

*Please come again!!*

† **SERVING IN WORSHIP** †

Organist: *Christy Shinn*

Choir Director: *Kelly Crawford*

Reader: *Catheryn Hartle*



Greeting You Today

*Mark & Lisa Dambach*



Given By:

*Karrie Zschille*

**We Keep in Prayer**

*Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of healing and our shut-ins and home-bound members. May God's grace surround them with comfort and care.*

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Larry Brockmire, Jeffrey Kies, Alice Koepfel, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Kathy Prokopf, Alice Quigley, Cindy Smith

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**\*Indicates congregation please stand if able**  
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL ~ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

**\*TRINITY CHIMES** *(at the sound of the chimes, please stand)*

**\*INTROIT** *“Come With Rejoicing”*

Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,  
those who would worship in spirit and truth.  
Come with your singing, come with Thanksgiving,  
Jesus our Savior has made all things new.

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

You are the salt of the earth, says the Lord.  
**Season our lives with your grace and truth.**

You are the light of the world.  
**Shine your love through us for all to see.**

Let your light so shine before others.  
**That our lives may glorify God.**

Come, let us worship the One who calls us to shine in the world.  
**We come to be renewed and sent in Christ’s light.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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#### **\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

**God of light and life, ignite our hearts with your love and truth. Help us to shine with compassion, courage, and hope, so that your grace may be made visible in our homes, our church, and our community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Jesus calls us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our lives are meant to reflect God's love and truth. Yet too often our light grows dim we remain silent when love calls us to speak, and we hide our faith when courage is needed. God meets us not with condemnation, but with mercy that restores. Let us return to the Source of our light and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Gracious God, you call us to be salt and light in a hurting world, yet we confess that we often blend in rather than stand out in love. We remain silent when justice calls, we hide our faith when courage is needed, and we grow weary of doing good. Forgive us for dimming the light you have placed within us. Renew our joy, strengthen our witness, and restore our trust in your guiding Spirit. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God's mercy is brighter than our failures and stronger than our fears. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and empowered to live as children of light. Walk now in the grace and freedom of God.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE IN MUSIC** *You Are My All in All"*

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 58:1-12

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute*

*for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup>“Cry aloud, spare not;  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet;  
Tell My people their transgression,  
And the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup> Yet they seek Me daily,  
And delight to know My ways,  
As a nation that did righteousness,  
And did not forsake the ordinance of their God.  
They ask of Me the ordinances of justice;  
They take delight in approaching God.  
<sup>3</sup> ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and You have not seen?  
Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?’  
“In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure,  
And exploit all your laborers.  
<sup>4</sup> Indeed you fast for strife and debate,  
And to strike with the fist of wickedness.  
You will not fast as you do this day,  
To make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup> Is it a fast that I have chosen,  
A day for a man to afflict his soul?  
Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush,  
And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?  
Would you call this a fast,  
And an acceptable day to the Lord?  
<sup>6</sup> “Is this not the fast that I have chosen:  
To loose the bonds of wickedness,  
To undo the heavy burdens,  
To let the oppressed go free,  
And that you break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;  
When you see the naked, that you cover him,  
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the morning,  
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,  
And your righteousness 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, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’  
“If you take away the yoke from your midst,  
The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

<sup>10</sup> If you extend your soul to the hungry  
And satisfy the afflicted soul,  
Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,  
And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually,  
And satisfy your soul in drought,  
And strengthen your bones;  
You shall be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

<sup>12</sup> Those from among you  
Shall build the old waste places;  
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,  
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

## **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,  
Nor have entered into the heart of man  
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

<sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

<sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man

does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.<sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.<sup>16</sup> For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:13-20

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God’s commandments.*

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.<sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.<sup>18</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.<sup>19</sup> Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>20</sup> For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Be Who You Already Are”*

**\*SERMON HYMN** *“Here I Am Lord”*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

*God's gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.*

### **OFFERING**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*SENDING HYMN** “*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*”

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#### **\*BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** “*Make Me a Servant*”

Make me a servant humble and meek  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak  
And may the prayer of my heart always be  
Make me a servant, make me a servant  
Make me a servant today

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

## **HERE I AM, LORD**

**V1** I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus** Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

**V2** I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus** Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
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**\*\*Giving Statements for 2025 are available for pickup in the vestibule.**



# Annual Meeting

February 22, 2026  
After Worship

## **Congregational Meeting Agenda—February 22, 2026**

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Minutes —2025 Congregational Meetings

Financial Report

Annual Report

    Pastor's Report

    Council President's Report

Conference Delegate's Report

Buildings and Grounds

Rental Property

Business from the Floor

Adjourn



**Ash Wednesday  
Worship**

Service of Holy Communion with  
Imposition of Ashes

**February 18, 2026**  
7:00 pm



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Mid-Week  
Levit  
Worship

Journey of Stones

February 25  
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Meal at 5:45pm  
Worship at 6:30 pm



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# THIS WEEK

## Today

8:00 am-Church Council

After worship—Women’s Fellowship Meeting

## Wed., February 11

*Meditations from Emanuel* on Facebook and YouTube

## Sat., February 14

9-11 am-Clothing Closet

5:30 pm–Ignite Worship

## Sun., February 15

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

After worship—CBE Meeting

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