

# WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

## First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

## **SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY**

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We are so happy to have you join us for this Service of the Lord's Day. We acknowledge this Sunday as the Second Sunday after Epiphany.*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Light of the World, You are welcome in this Holy Place! Light of the World, shine in our hearts and minds.

**All: We look forward to Your Illumination on our individual and corporate paths of life!**

One: Light of the World, You are welcome in this Holy Place! Light of the World, shine in our hearts and minds.

**All: We look with anticipation to Your Illumination so that we may shine to the nations.**

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.

*(continued ...)*

*Refrain:*

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.

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.

*Refrain:*

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.

*Refrain:*

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#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

“When we treat our faith as nothing more than a self-help system and You, God, as  
simply a cure for whatever ails us, where is the love?

When we use the gifts, our planet gives us with little care for our wastefulness and  
destruction, where is the love?

*(continued ...)*

**When we deny and disdain the truths and practices others hold dear, where is the love?**

**When we ignore the sickness, loneliness, struggle, and vulnerability of others because it doesn't affect us, where is the love?**

**When we berate ourselves for our failures or hold ourselves to impossible and trivial standards, where is the love?**

**Forgive us, Lord, and teach us and our world what it really means to love.”**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloveds, “as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” We are forgiven!

**SONG OF PRAISE:** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” GtG 582

- 1. Glory to God, whose goodness shine on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,**

**Refrain**

**As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be. Amen**

- 2. World without end, without end. Amen  
World without end, without end. Amen  
World without end, without end. Amen  
Refrain**

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## **THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)*

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

One: Lord, open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to hear Your Almighty Word, so that we may be transformed by it. In the Name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 49:1–7 (*NKJV*)

**GOSPEL:** **New Testament** John 1:29-42 (*NKJV*)

**SERMON** “The Invitation ‘Come and See’ is still Open to Seekers.” by Rev. Paula Cooper

**\*HYMN** “Come! Live in the Light!” (We Are Called) GtG 749

**1. Come! Live in the light!**  
Shine with the joy  
and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God.  
We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

**2. Come! Open your heart!**  
Show your mercy  
to all those in fear!  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence  
will be no more.  
We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

*(continued ...)*

**3. Sing! Sing a new song!**  
**Sing of that great day**  
**when all will be one!**  
**God will reign,**  
**and we'll walk with each other**  
**as sisters and brothers**  
**united in love.**  
**We are called to act with justice;**  
**we are called to love tenderly;**  
**we are called to serve one another,**  
**to walk humbly with God.**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles Creed” (Traditional)**

**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 Ghost,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**he descended into hell;**  
**the third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth on the right hand**  
**of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**  
**the holy catholic church;**  
**the communion of saints;**  
**the forgiveness of sins;**  
**the resurrection of the body;**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Contemporary)

Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Your Name,  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your Will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the Power  
and the Glory are Yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, use these offerings and us as we offer ourselves in this Eucharist to  
build Your Kingdom.

**\*CLOSING HYMN “This Little Light of Mine”**

1. This little light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine.  
This little light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'ry-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
Ev'ry-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. I've got the light of grace, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
I've got the light of grace, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
I've got the light of grace, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*(continued ...)*

**.4. We've got the light of love; we're gon-na let it shine.**  
**We've got the light of love; we're gon-na let it shine.**  
**We've got the light of love; we're gon-na let it shine;**  
**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Standing if able.**