

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

FIFTH SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

UNISON TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

**O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!**

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

**In His hand are the depths of the earth;
and the heights of the mountains are His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land,
which His hands have formed.**

**O come let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!**

**For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.**

Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN “Great God of Every Blessing” GtG 694**

1. **Great God of every blessing,
of faithful loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

2. **Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,**

(continued ...)

in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

3. Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart,
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sins.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.)

SONG OF PRAISE: “Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)” GtG 581

1. **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

Text: Traditional liturgical text

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 112 *[NRSV]*

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20 *[NRSV]*

MESSAGE “We Are Blessed – And Now What?” by Pastor Jay Summerville

***HYMN** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” GtG 377

1. **I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

(continued...)

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

- 2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.**

Refrain

- 3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

Refrain

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***UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything
God works for good with those who love him,
who are called according to his purpose.
We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

**Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
(continued...)**

**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**

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we dedicate the tithes, offerings, talents
and discipleship offered to you today to your service.
May this offering contribute to the building up
of your emerging kingdom of heaven for your people
and the prospering of your church in the world.**

AMEN

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” GtG 744**

- 1. Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit’s call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.**

- 2. Arise, you light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives’ liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

- 3. Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

(continued...)

**4. Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.**

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***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE