



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026

9:00am

GATHERING

Gathering and Greeting

*Introit

Spirit Song
by John Wimber

UMH #247

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let him have the things that hold you
and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

**REFRAIN: Jesus, oh Jesus come and fill your lambs
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*Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious and ever-living God,
You have given your promise for us to remember and
treasure in our hearts,
People: and your justice for us to declare with our lips.

You have given us your Word as a sure path for us,
and your decrees to love for our richest delight.

You have given your covenant so that we might have life in its fullness.

Not by power, not by might, but by your Spirit may your word be fulfilled.

***Hymn of Praise**

Thy Word
by Amy Grant

UMH #601

**REFRAIN: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path (2x)**

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end (Refrain)

Now I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side
And I will love you to the end (Refrain)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 4:1-7

4 The angel...woke me, as though I had been asleep. 2 "What do you see now?" he asked. I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl of oil on top of it. Around the bowl are seven lamps, each having seven spouts with wicks. 3 And I see two olive trees, one on each side of the bowl." 4 Then I asked the angel, "What are these, my lord? What do they mean?" 5 "Don't you know?" the angel asked. "No, my lord," I replied. 6 Then he said to me, "This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: **It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit**, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 7 Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!'

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Small Talk & Noisy Offering

A special message for children, followed by a noisy offering to support children's ministries.

Sermon

"The Forgotten God"

Rich Johnson

***Hymn of Response** Spirit of Faith Come Down UMH #332

Hymn by Charles Wesley; Tune: BEALOTH

Spirit of faith come down, reveal the things of God
and make to us the Godhead known
and witness with the blood.

'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see
Who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.

No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.

Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"

O that the wrld might know the all atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name.
The grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,
and testify to humankind and speak in every heart

Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive,
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe)
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,
and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

God, we confess that we forget the power of your Spirit
that dwells within us:

Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves

Though you should rule us, we control ourselves

Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

**We think your truth too high,
your will too hard,
your power too remote,
your love too free.**

But they are not!
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent prayer

Hear the good news: Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God!
Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology**

UMH #95

The Great Thanksgiving

responses on screen

Receiving Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Discipleship** The Spirit Sends
Sends Us Forth to Serve
Hymn by Delores Dufner; Tune: AZMON

TFWS #2221

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn,
to set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Benediction Hymn**