

First Up

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026

A photograph of a field of wildflowers at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow through the trees and illuminating the tall grasses and various wildflowers in shades of yellow, purple, and white. The text 'CALL TO ACTION' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters.

CALL TO
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Welcome

WORSHIP

Centering Words

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.

Song

"Gratitude"

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God.

Song

"What Does the Lord Require of You TFWS 2174"

Prayer

God of compassion and justice,
the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free,
to share bread with the hungry,
to shelter the homeless poor.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn
and your healing shall spring up quickly.

So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you
not just with our words
but with our hearts and our lives.
Glory and honour be to you, O God,
Creator of a new heaven and a new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Message to Young Disciples

Message

"Call to Action" - Pastor Duane Carlisle

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kory Pritchett

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity and Peace

Song

"Be Thou My Vision"

ENDING

Benediction

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have been received – give.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be always with you. Amen.

Gratitude

by Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, and Dante Bowe

Verse 1

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Chorus 1

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much

But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Verse 3

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

Bridge 1

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord
Remaining portion is unaffiliated1

What Does the Lord Require of You TFWS 2174

Part 1:

What does the Lord require of you?
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Part 2:

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

Part 3:

To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

Be Thou My Vision

by Mary Elizabeth Byrne and Eleanor Henrietta Hull

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Verse 3

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Verse 4

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all
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Prayers

Concerns Shared

John Anderson
Chad McLaughlin, Diana Hoke's nephew

Steve & Kim Meyer
All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt
Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at rkroeschen@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

AWR1 Isaiah Hale Alex Turco James Beaty

Worship Team

Audio/Visual

CG Creation:
Kory Pritchett

Band

Acoustic Guitar:
Kory Pritchett
Bass Guitar:
Becca Pritchett
Drums:
Cade Quinn
Electric Guitar:
Nick Clinkenbeard
Keys:
Ryan Madden
Vocal:
Karen Hull
Amanda Hedden



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GET INVOLVED

FUMC's turn at food pantry

February is one of three months we volunteer to work at the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry, 1314 Tippecanoe St., operated by Church Women United. Contact Lynn Griffin, 765-743-8087. Volunteers are needed 3:15 - 6:15 PM Tuesday, Feb. 17 and 11:30 AM-2:45 PM Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Next month we will again collect shelf-stable food and plastic bags for the pantry.

Sign up for euchre

Join us for euchre 5:45 PM to 8:30 PM on the second Wednesdays of the month. Our next play date is Feb. 11. We usually have five or more tables each month and lots of laughs. Get on the evite list by contacting Jeanne Norberg jnorberg@purdue.edu

Pub theology

Looking for conversation, connection and community? Consider joining us for Pub Theology on the first Thursdays of the month. We generally rendezvous around 7 PM at local spots the group chooses. Contact Pastor Duane Carlisle or Assistant Pastor Kory Pritchett at <https://www.fumcwl.org/contact-us> or 765-743-1285.

A Welcoming Place

1ST Sunday Brunch: Signup to assist or donate food by clicking the link in the weekly e-newsletter or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49afad2fa13-first#/> or contact Tim Delworth, delworth@purdue.edu.

Do you play an instrument?

We'd love to have you share your talents for performances throughout the year. Contact Charis Vander Plaats, director of music and arts: cplaats@fumcwl.org.

No Tech Experience Required

Want to be part of the magic that streams our services to the world? It's easy and all takes place upstairs in a tech booth. You would toggle between three cameras as our services unfold, select the online display and adjust audio levels.

Or, how about changing the slides during the service? It's done in a booth next to the streaming team. The words are scripted and so very easy to follow.

Is there someone you know who would enjoy this opportunity? No tech experience required! Ideally, we would have two people running the boards at each service. For a training session, contact Assistant Pastor Kory Pritchett or Music Director Charis Vander Plaats: <https://www.fumcwl.org/contact-us/> or call 765-743-1285.