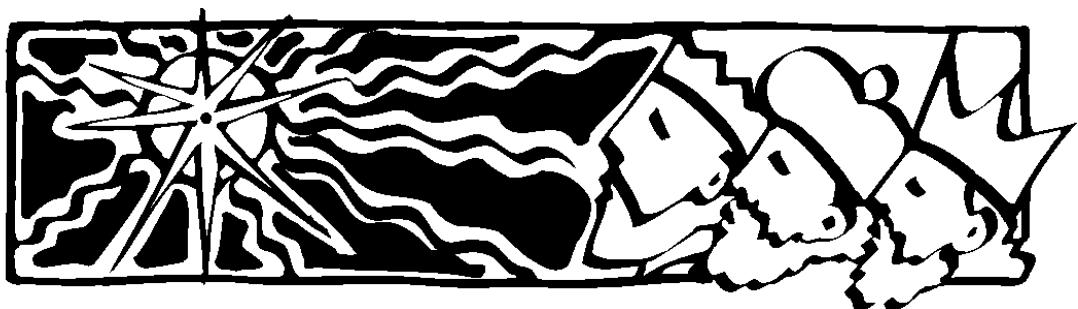




*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

January 18, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Second  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany



## PRELUDE

Love Divine

P. Manz

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

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WORDS: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst (1874-1934)

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1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today;  
2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end;  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

### **\*INVOCATION 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving Father,  
 We live in a world where we are hourly bombarded  
 with news that causes us anxiety and fear.  
 We are not shocked anymore with what we see.  
 We have looked to our leaders at home and abroad  
 for solutions and to keep us safe.  
 Amid this uncertainty we have forgotten  
 that WE are the LIGHT of the world.

We confess that we have hid our light for too long;  
 now darkness creeps up all around us.

Teach us what it means to “let our light shine”  
 and push away the darkness.

Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness reign in our hearts.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

**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.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: “**Thanks be to God”**

## LITANY

One: Jesus is called the Lamb of God.

**Many: The Lamb of God takes away our sin,  
and that of the whole world.**

One: Jesus is the Light of the world.

**Many: His Light now shines from within all of us;  
we can share it.**

One: We are “a light to the nations”,  
like a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden.

**Many: We have a candle within; our light can never be put out.**

**All: This Light of ours will overcome the darkness in the world.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

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1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

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shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

F# E B

pas-sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain A G D B7 Am E

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

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Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
 hand hath pro-vid-ed— great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

R. Gillard

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard (1953- )

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1 Will you let me be your servant,  
 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
 4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
 5 When we sing to God and heaven,

let me be as Christ to you?  
 here to - geth - er on the road;  
 in the night - time of your fear;  
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
 we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've  
 have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

## SECOND READING

John 1:29-42

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: “**Thanks be to God**”

**SERMON**      “Too Light a Thing”

Dawn Stiles

(Silence for personal reflection)

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Offertory**

O Love

E. Hagenberg

## \*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

## \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864)

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move  
ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing  
ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,  
treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

## \*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## \*The Sending of the Community

### \*Congregational Amen

*The service of the church into the world – begins again this week*

## POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

P. Fey

## \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Prayers were written by - Christina Ward;

Leading Worship & Prayers of the People - Anne Bellamy;

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— FBC Council