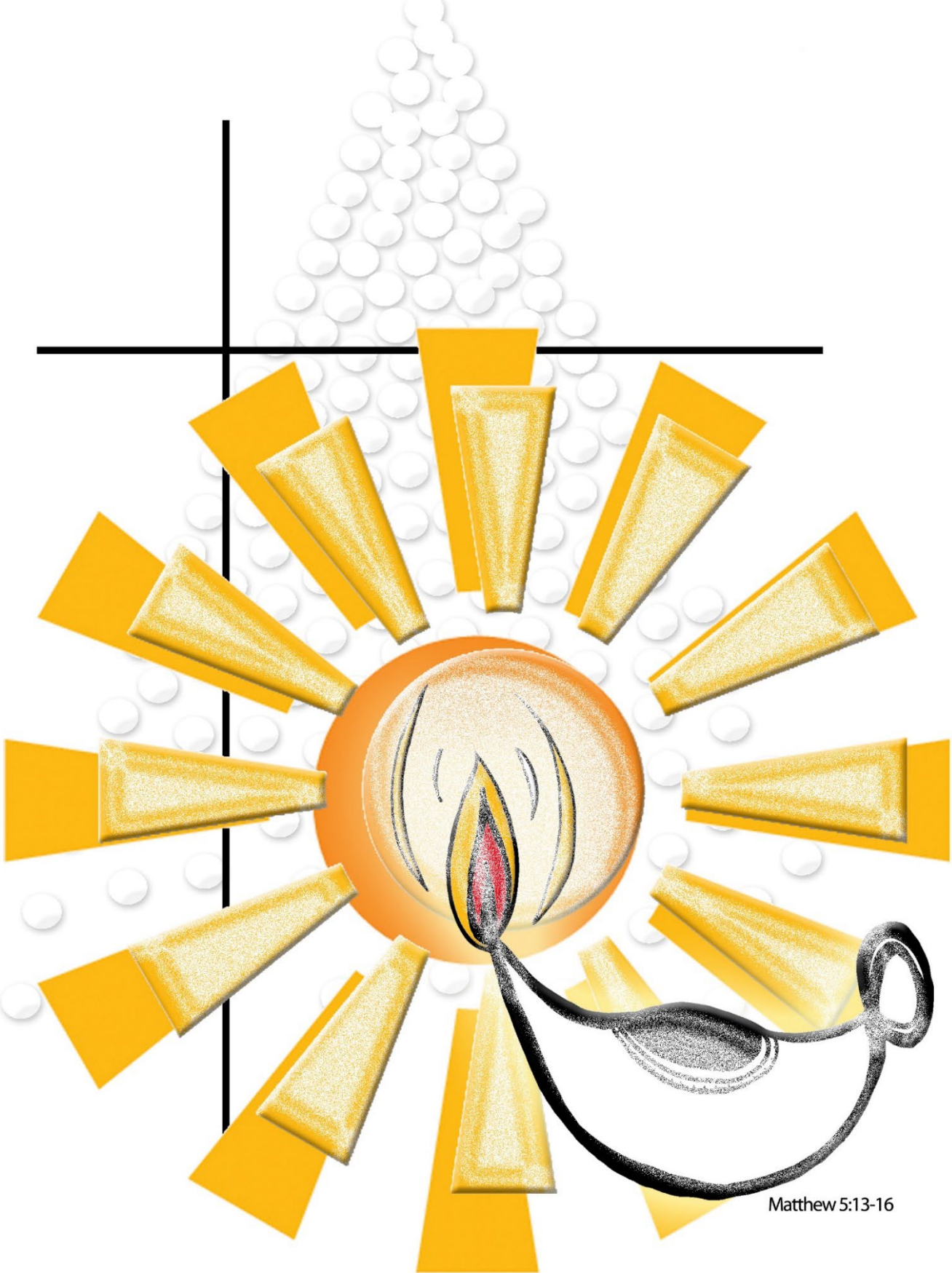


aBRIDGED Service

10:00 a.m.



Matthew 5:13-16



## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 2023

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Welcome for the Interim Pastor**

... Pastor Meyette,

**We welcome you into our family, and pray God's blessings be upon you.**

**GATHERING**

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**Greeting**

*The assembly stands.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Gathering Song**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Chris Tomlin**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

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**My chains are gone, I've been set free  
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Amazing grace  
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My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine**

### **Prayer of the Day**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

### **Word**

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#### **Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light

to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Pastor Dennis Meyette**

## **Prayers**

*The assembly stands.*

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

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### Offering

*The assembly is seated.*

*The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

### "Light of the World"

Lauren Daigle

The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on Earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
And can you hear the angels singing  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory, the light of the world is here  
The drought breaks with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry is the sound of love  
Come down, come down, Emmanuel  
Oh, He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come  
He has come, Emmanuel  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
For all who wait  
For all who hunger  
For all who've prayed  
For all who wonder  
Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
Glory to the light of the world  
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**Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
The world waits for the miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

### **Communion**

*The assembly stands.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Distribution**

### **Communion Song**

#### **"You Say"**

**Lauren Daigle**

**I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low  
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know  
Ooh-oh  
You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And you say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe (I)  
Oh, I believe (I)  
What You say of me (I)  
I believe**

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The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me

In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

And you say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours

And I believe (I)

Oh, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

Oh, I believe

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet

You have every failure, God, You have every victory

Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

You say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours

And I believe (I)

Oh, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

I believe

Oh, I believe (I)

Yes, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

I believe

### **Communion Blessing**

*The assembly stands.*

**Amen.**



## **Sending**

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

**Traditional**

**This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine, yeah  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine  
Let it Shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
And everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine  
Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it Shine, Let it Shine Let it Shine**

### **Dismissal**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dennis Meyette
Assisting Ministers	Donna Batchelor Gerry Berger Kimberly Duke Linda MacMonigle Pennie Anderson
Vocals	Emily Capps
Piano	Nick Sperry
Altar Guild	Teri Smith
Ushers	Janine Jung Don Lasky Kay Hines Melynda Whitnall

- February 5: **Worship @ 8:30, 10:00am (Contemporary) & 11:00am**
- February 5: **Sunday School @ 9:45am**
- February 5: **Youth Group @ 5pm**
- February 6: **Garden Angels @ 8am**
- February 6: **WELCA Dorcas Quilting @ 9am**
- February 6: **Soul Sisters @ 1pm**
- February 6: **VICA Winter Series @7:00pm**
- February 7: **Scripture Study with Donna Bachelor @10:00am at VOTI**
- February 7: **Widow's Luncheon @ 12noon**
- February 7: **Mahjong @ 1pm**
- February 7: **Property Committee @ 1pm**
- February 7: **Nominating Committee @ 1:30pm**
- February 8: **Christian Education Committee @ 10am**
- February 8: **Joyful Ringers Rehearsal @ 10:15am**
- February 8: **Choir Rehearsal @ 4pm**
- February 8: **Call Committee @ 5pm**
- February 9: **Thursdays Together, @10am, Zoom**
- February 9: **I Peter Bible Study, @1pm, Office Center/Zoom**
- February 11: **Altar Guild @ 9am**
- February 11: **Chili Cookoff @ 6pm**
- February 11: **Worship @ 5pm in Sanctuary**

## Salt and Light

What we believe about ourselves has the power to shape our behavior in profound ways. If we believe we aren't good enough or are unwanted, that will likely show up in the way we carry ourselves, in the way we interact with others, and in the opportunities we seek out or don't. On the other hand, if we know that we are loved or if we feel like we belong, we will probably bring more assurance to our interactions with others, and will be more likely to take risks and to reach out and engage with our communities.

Similarly, our identity as disciples of Jesus has the power to shape the way we live. It all starts with who Jesus says we are. "You are the salt of the earth," Jesus tells his disciples. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Used masterfully, it brings out the best in the other flavors of a dish. It can pull other elements together to help create a new thing. Light nurtures life. It can comfort, energize, and help make things clear. Together, salt and light sustain, nourish, and welcome new life in the world around them.

What kind of people would we be if we really believed we were the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Nurturers, sustainers, co-creators with God in making all things new? What fears could we let go if we simply trusted that we are who Jesus says we are? What risks would we take? How would we show up in our communities? As we gather for worship today, we are invited to hear anew this identity we are given in Christ. Then, nourished by word and sacrament, we are sent forth with the promise that Christ is forever at work in us, keeping us as salt and light in all times and places.

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