

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 11, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Sign-In and Out Log*

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Rebecca Turner

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship (selections from Psalm 118, CEB translation)

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever.

The Lord is for me—I won't be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?

The Lord is for me—as my helper.

I look in victory on those who hate me.

It's far better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust any human.

It's far better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust any human leader.

Once, I was pushed so hard I nearly died,
but the Lord helped me.

The Lord was my strength and protection;
he was my saving help!

I won't die—no, I will live

and declare what the Lord has done.

Yes, the Lord definitely disciplined me,
but he didn't hand me over to death.

I thank you because You answered me,

because You, O Lord, have been my saving help.

The stone rejected by the builders

has become the main foundation stone!

This has happened because of the Lord;

it is astounding in our sight!

This is the day the Lord made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord, because He is good
and his faithful love lasts forever.

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Turner

Light of the World, forgive us when we have preferred the darkness over Your light. Keep us from dwelling in darkness, forgive us for sins committed under the darkness so that others may not perceive them, and keep us from dwelling in our weakness, foibles, and fears. Call us out of the darkness, again, and forgive us when we have judged the darkness in others without first judging the darkness within ourselves. Shine Your Light in us, exposing our darkness, and strengthen us to live in your Light and to see others how You see them. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: God's light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

† *Passing of the Peace*

As a forgiven and reconciled people, you are invited to greet your neighbor with signs of peace.

† *Opening Hymn*

“We Are Marching (Siyahamba)”

TFWS 2235b

† *Hymn*

“The Summons”

TFWS 2130

Prayer for Illumination:

O God of wonder, as the ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ, and direct us into new paths of faithfulness. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Herb Schwarze

Reader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

†*The Offering* "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

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†*The Doxology*

Sermon "Salt and Light" Rev. Meghan Benson

Prayers of the People Rebecca Turner

You are invited to offer your prayer requests on the cards in your pews with a prayer concern. After each petition: "Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

†*Closing Song* "The Little Light of Mine" UMH 585

†*Benediction* Rev. Meghan Benson

†*Chiming the Trinity*

†*Postlude*



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"The Sermon on the Mount," by Laura James

Salt and Light

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