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Disciples in God's Love

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Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:30 AM
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February 8, 2026

5th Sunday After the Baptism of Jesus

Rev. Johan Dodge



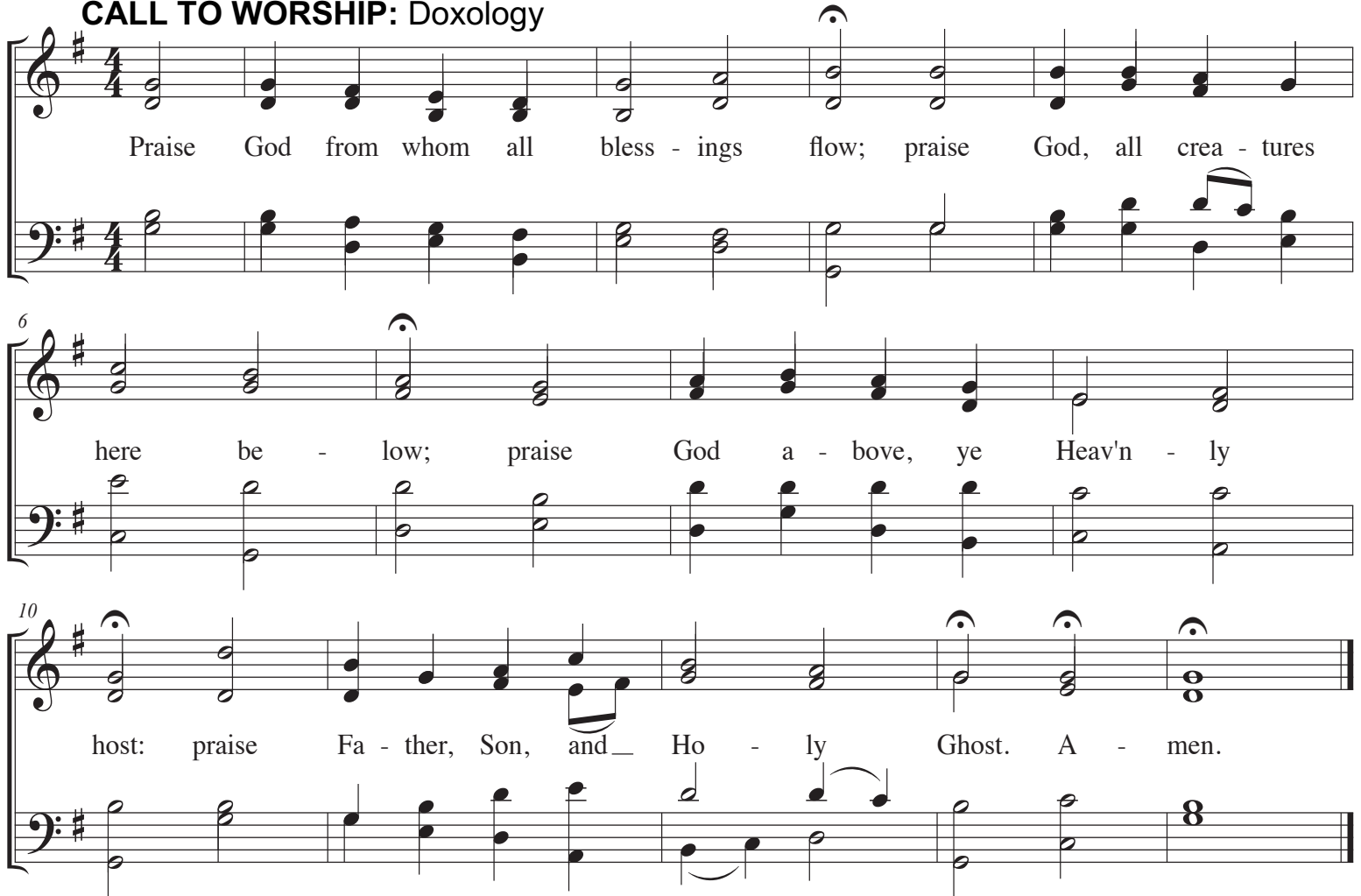
Salt & Light

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY — Fred Wind

In a world of darkness that surrounds us — Jesus proclaims, “You are the light of the world.” Loving God, may your light shine through us as we are gathered here in your name. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “It Is Well with My Soul”



1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
2. Though ev - il should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
3. Our faults — O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! Our faults — not in
4. And, God, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

7

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to
sur - rance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
part but the whole, For - give us our faults, may we bear them no
back as a scroll, Our voic - es re - sound, and our God shall de -

12

say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul." _____
tate, And hath shared God's own love for my soul. _____ It is well _____
more, For 'tis writ: "God is love," O my soul! _____ It is
scend, "E - ven so" - It is well with my soul. _____

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_____ with my soul, _____ It is well, it is well, with my soul.
well with my soul, _____

[please be seated]

GOD IS LOVE



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Ever-present God, you called the first disciples of Jesus to live as a city upon a hill and a lamp on a stand that all may see the glory of God.

Grant that we, who claim the name of Jesus, may shine as light in this dark world.

Our brother Paul led the church, not by lofty words of human wisdom, but by wisdom born of your spirit. We pray for our world, for the governments and for its leaders. May all who rule honor justice and compassion, and serve the common good that the world may flourish.

Grant that we, who claim the name of Jesus, may shine as light in this dark world.

You teach us to offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted.

Grant that we, who claim the name of Jesus, may shine as light in this dark world.

We pray for the sick, the hungry, the poor, the unhoused, and those who are oppressed. Let your church minister to those in distress and bear witness to your abiding compassion for all who suffer. Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

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I who made the stars of night,
I will break their hearts of stone,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark-ness bright.
give them hearts for love a-lone.
'til their hearts be sat-is-fied.

13

Who will bear my light to them?
I will speak my word to them.
I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? _____

18

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you _____

24

call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ if you _____

29

lead me. _____ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Fred Wind

Loving God, by the power and presence of your Holy Spirit, open the Scriptures to us this day that we may receive wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed upon us and the ways in which to best use these gifts. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Fred Wind

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

^{2:1} When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of God
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

Salt and Light

¹³ “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.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ 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.

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

MESSAGE: “Salt & Light” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Salt is often described as bad for us, bad for our health, bad for our heart — and yet, in Matthew’s Gospel Jesus invites his followers to be salt and to be light. What does it mean to you to be salt? What does it mean to be light? Where do you find yourself being salt and light? Where do you find yourself trying not to be noticed?

REFLECTION: “Blessed Assurance” — John Fluker, *pianist and arranger*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Fred Wind

Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Yahweh, I Know You Are Near” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Fred Wind

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, bodies, and resources for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kindom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

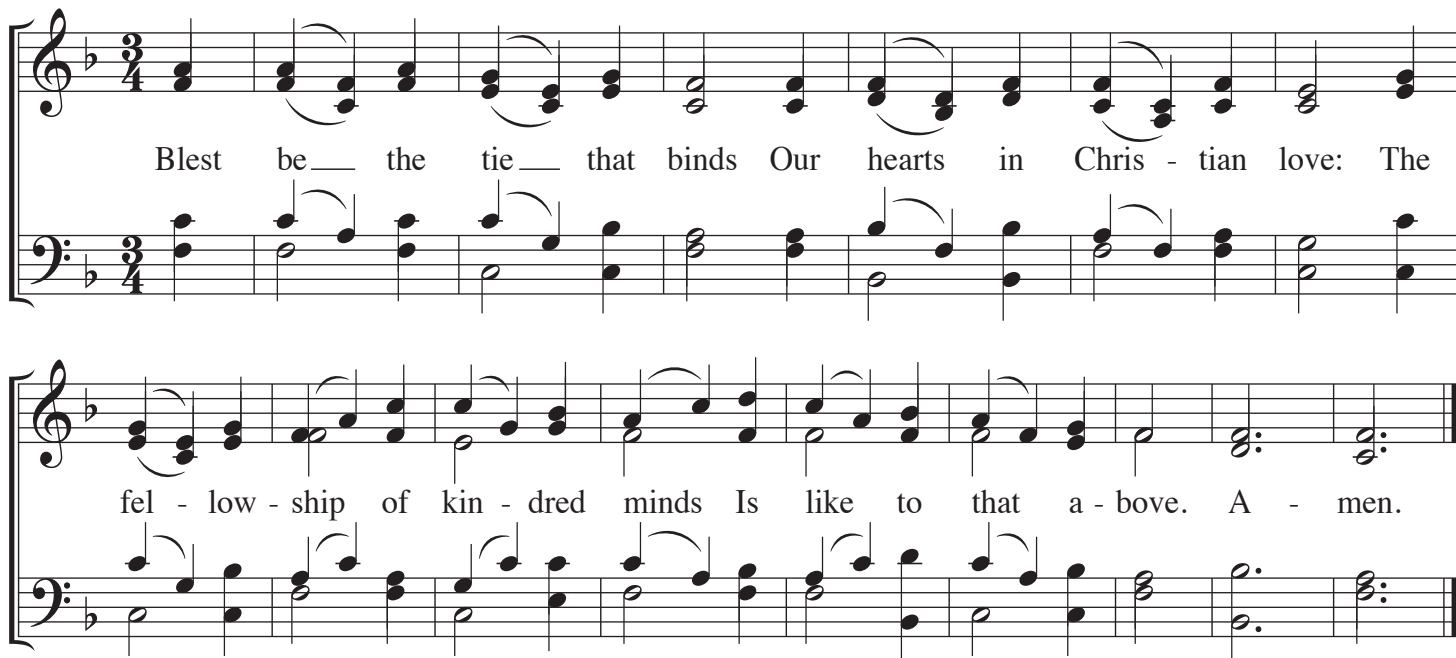
take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Jesus instructs all those who would follow him — Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God. May the true light, shine through you so that you may bring the transformative power of loving kindness to the world around us. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

Doxology (*Old Hundredth LM*)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"It Is Well with My Soul"
Tune: *VILLE DU HAVRE* by Philip P. Bliss;
Words by Horatio G. Spafford; Public Domain

"Here I Am, Lord"
Music and Words by Dan Schutte
Text based on Isaiah 6:8

"Blessed Assurance"
Music by Phoebe P. Knapp
Piano Arrangement by John Fluker

"Yahweh, I Know You Are Near"
Music by Dan Schutte; piano arranged by
Theophane Hytrek, OSF; Words by Dan
Schutte, based on Psalm 139

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee Music, Beverly Hills, California

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nägeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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Yahweh
is
Love

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sandy Walker – Sandy has been at home recovering from pneumonia. Prayers for speedy healing and general good health.

Lewis Hildreth – Lewis is recovering from hip surgery and is receiving good care. He and Linda recently celebrated their 39th Anniversary. Prayers for general good health and healing.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌺 flowers are provided by Marina Tesla. Fellowship 🍪 refreshments are provided by Sandy Cardot. *See the new sign-up charts for 2026 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services.* Altar flowers are \$35. See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate the arrangements.

SOUP-ER BOWL: SOUP-er Bowl Sunday is TODAY! Please place canned goods and non-perishable food items in the box for your Super Bowl Team in the narthex. Food will be donated to those in need. As you plan Super Bowl snacks, pick up a few non-perishable items from the market, including:

- *Canned soups, veggies, beans, fruit, and juice,*
- *Canned tuna, and other proteins,*
- *Jars of nut butters, jams, and spreads,*
- *Condiments like oil, dressing (that don't require refrigeration),*
- *Dry goods: rice, pasta, beans, cereal,*
- *Any non-perishable, shelf-stable foods,*
- *Hand-operated can openers (non-electrical)*

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, February 12th at 10 AM, join us for "Coffee with Pastor." Join Pastor Johan and other members of our congregation for a relaxed time to discuss *any* questions you may have, current events, or just to get something off your chest. Come share coffee & conversation.

CARE TEAM & PRAYER SHAWLS: If you are interested in taking part in the efforts of our Care Team, please see Jeanette Williams. There has been some great love and blessing, coordinating with Nancy Westcott and the Prayer Shawl Ministry, in praying over and giving shawls to those in need of healing, warmth, and comfort.

END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive an End-of-Year Giving Statement of your 2025 donations, please see Phyllis Spencer.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

January 11th: 36 | January 18th: 31 | January 25th: 37 | February 1st: 40

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GROW
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STUDY

Notes from the Service

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My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of the Morning light, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen.

*Consider The Upper Room Daily Devotional
as a resource for Midday Prayer.*

Household Prayer: Evening

Source of Love, if I have lived this day in the knowledge that perishes, correct my thoughts, rectify my judgments, and mend my foolish ways. Give me the mind of Jesus that I may see the world in love and discern your way of love for me and through me to the world. Amen.