



4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

One: We are the church.

All: Here, blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: Among us, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

All: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

One: Amidst the people of the cross, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

All: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

One: When we gather, blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

One: Bearing forth the gospel, blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**All: Blessed are we when people revile us or persecute us
and utter all kinds of evil against us falsely on Jesus' account.**

One: In this, we shall rejoice and be glad, for the reward is great in heaven.

All: We are the church, the reign of God made real in the world.

One: Thus it is so as we greet one another, "The peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you.

* Hymn NCH #436 God of Grace

Prayer of Invocation

In unison

Speak to us, Lord, in whom we live and move and have our being. Speak to us, that we may speak by your authority, in your truth, and of your love, which sustains and redeems.

Speak to us, Lord, that we may live amidst the kingdom even now—
this that the prophets proclaimed and Christ preached and the Church has confessed as its hope, purpose, and joy.

Speak to us of the Living Word, that this might guide our living in ever new times; that though circumstances change, your truth remains; that though new challenges ever arise, your Way Eternal is open to us as of old.

Speak to us of what abides as true, yet not so we can possess the truth but so we be possessed by it, living by its claim on us, conducting ourselves in its light, and testing what history foists on us so to know how rightly to respond.

Speak to us, Lord, of justice and mercy, of kindness and love, of sin that divides and reconciliation that prevails: impress upon our hearts your word, that we might be humble and hopeful in our walk with you.

Speak to us in the words that we speak to one another, in the words of our worship this morning, and in the sighs within us that are too deep for words.

We pray all this and more in your Living Word, Christ and him crucified, which is foolishness to some and a stumbling block to others, but to us is the way by which we are to live so to be made whole. Amen.

Reading Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Prayer of Preparation

One: May the words of my mouth

**All: And the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.**

Sermon

*** Hymn NCH #349** I Come with Joy

Sacrament of Communion

By intinction

Invitation to the Table, Remembering the Story, Consecrating the Elements

Pastoral Prayer

Joys and Concerns

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us pray.

Spoken Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

* Doxology

Tune NCH #780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low!
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore! One God, triune, whom we adore!*

* Hymn NCH #314 Community of Christ

* Announcements

* Closing Song *Amazing Grace* Please turn to others while singing!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Benediction & Postlude

About the Church on the Hill, Lenox

First gathered in 1769, the Church on the Hill, UCC, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, welcomes all who seek to know God and invites everyone to join in our common life and mission through participation in this congregation. As Jesus Christ did before us, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one reconciled body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender identity and gender expression, sexual identity, and physical or mental ability, to journey together toward the promised realm of God. On the threshold of Christ's open door, the Holy Spirit leads us into a beloved world where we seek to serve as Christ's disciples for the sake of God's good news which is for all.

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