

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 8, 2026

Welcome/Announcements		Pastor Tom
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Pastor Tom
* Opening Hymn	"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"	UMH #109
Opening Prayer		Pastor Tom
Children's Message		Sue Davis
Hymn of Praise	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"	WS #3008
The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		
Offering Music		Andrew Davis
* Doxology		UMH #94
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i>		
<i>Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia</i>		
<i>Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts</i>		
<i>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia</i>		
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tom
<i>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, forever. Amen.</i>		
Hymn of Preparation	"When the Church of Jesus"	UMH #592
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 58:1-12	Becky Beaman
Message	Acceptable Worship	Pastor Tom
* Closing Hymn	"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"	UMH #584
* Benediction		Pastor Tom

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – February 8, 2026

What is one practical way you can implement the "true fast" in your family, workplace, or church this week?

Isaiah 58:1-12 Becky Beaman

"Shout for all you are worth, raise your voice like a trumpet!
Proclaim to the people their faults, tell the house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob their sins! They seek me daily, they long to know my ways, like a nation that wants to act with integrity and not ignore the Law of its God. They ask me for laws that are just, they long for God to draw near. Yet they say, 'Why should we fast if you never see it? Why do penance if you never notice?'

Because when you fast, it's business as usual, and you oppress all your workers! Because when you fast, you quarrel and fight and strike the poor with your fist! Fasting like yours today will never make your voice heard on high! Is that the sort of fast that pleases me - a day when people humiliate themselves, hanging their heads like a reed, lying down on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call fasting, a day acceptable to Yahweh?

On the contrary! This is the sort of fast that pleases me:
Remove the chains of injustice! Undo the ropes of the yoke!
Let those who are oppressed go free, and break every yoke you encounter! Share your bread with those who are hungry, and shelter homeless poor people! Clothe those who are naked, and don't hide from the needs of your own flesh and blood! Do this, and your light will shine like the dawn—and your healing will break forth like lightning! Your integrity will go before you, and the glory of Yahweh will be your rearguard.

Cry, and Yahweh will answer; call, and God will say, I am here'—provided you remove from your midst all oppression, finger pointing, and malicious talk.

If you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows will become like noon. Yahweh will always guide you, giving relief in desert places. God will give strength to your bones, and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose water is never run dry. You will rebuild the ancient ruins, and build upon age-old foundations. You'll be called Repairer of Broken Walls, and Restorer of Ruined Neighborhoods.

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace 109

Unison

1. Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the
 2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's
 3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all
 4. In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one

bold de - signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and
 mys - teries known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile
 now de - spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing
 fam - ily with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be

stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

WORDS: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1974
 MUSIC: Attr. to Elkanah Kelsay Dare, 1799
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3008 Open the Eyes of My Heart

O - pen the eyes of my heart, _ Lord,

o - pen the eyes of my heart; _ I want to see you,

I want to see you. O - pen the eyes of my heart, _

_ Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; _ I want to

see you, I want to see you. To see you

high and lift - ed up, _ shin - ing in the light of your glo-

ry. Pour out your pow - er and love _

Third time to Coda ⊕

_ as we sing. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

D.S. al Coda

ly. ly. To see you

⊕ CODA *(optional a cappella repeat)*

ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly. I want to see you.

When the Church of Jesus

592

Unison

1. When the church of Je - sus shuts its out - er door,
 2. If our hearts are lift - ed where de - vo - tion soars
 3. Lest the gifts we of - fer, mon - ey, tal - ents, time,

lest the roar of traf - fic drown the voice of prayer,
 high a - bove this hun - gry, suf - fer - ing world of ours,
 serve to salve our con - science, to our se - cret shame,

may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more a - ware
 lest our hymns should drug us to for - get its needs,
 Lord, re - prove, in - spire us by the way you give;

that the world we ban - ish is our Chris - tian care.
 forge our Chris - tian wor - ship in - to Chris - tian deeds.
 teach us, dy - ing Sav - ior, how true Chris - tians live.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1968 (Jas. 2:14-17)

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

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584 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho-ly: "This my bod - y,
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur-ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea-sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor-ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur-pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 world a - round us share your chil-dren's lib - er - ty.
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978 (Lk. 9:2; Mt. 28:19-20; Lk. 23:34)
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT'S LEIGH
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Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.