

Sermon Series

# ***Shine a Light on the Winter Blues***

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 8, 2026



## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

*\*please stand as you're able*

**PRELUDE**

*Be Thou My Vision*, arr. L. Shackley<sup>1</sup>

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Matthew 15:29-31 NRSV

One: Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.

**All: Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others.**

One: They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing.

**All: And they praised the God of Israel.**

**\*HYMN 192**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine, Shine, Jesus, Shine*<sup>2</sup>

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Isaiah 58:1-12 (from *The Message* translation)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION HYMN 422**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, Create in Me*<sup>3</sup>

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**HYMN 314 (seated) vs 2** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, Christ, Be Our Light*<sup>4</sup>

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

## WINTER BLUES SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 112

### GOSPEL

Matthew 5:14-16

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

### SERMON

*How the Light Heals the World*

### \*HYMN 755

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing, Weiss Flaggen*<sup>5</sup>

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

### OFFERTORY

*Arise, Shine, J. Rutter*<sup>6</sup>

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*<sup>7</sup>  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION, LORD'S PRAYER

### \*HYMN 459

*O Word of God Incarnate, Munich*<sup>8</sup>

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata, from Suite Gothique, L. Boellman*<sup>9</sup>  
*The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.*

### Leaders Today:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje  
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman  
The Chancel Choir  
Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Linda Tanke, Judy Graham, Gary Stephens (Deacon)

Liturgist: Chuck Kamp  
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou



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## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today Book Study** - Please join us after worship as we conclude our book study on *Jesus Outside the Lines* by Scott Sauls. Bring an open mind and be ready for some good discussion! Bonus points if you bring a friend. Books are free and available on the table outside of the MJB lounge. If you have any questions, talk to Erin DeMuth.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, February 15 - Mardi Gras Event!**

On Sunday, February 15 we invite you to stay after worship for a Mardi Gras celebration. We hope to break the winter blues with a festive celebration. There will be beads, bingo, mask-making, and fun for all ages. A delicious New Orleans style lunch of red beans and rice, catered by the Madison Waldorf School, will be served, and of course king cake. Kick off preparation for Easter with a churchwide writing project! Come celebrate the good news of God and prepare for a faith-building Lent.

### **Mission Opportunity!**

Our church is a member of Allied Partners, an interfaith coalition working with the Allied Dunn's Marsh neighborhood. Recently, the Allied Wellness Center was approved by the Village Diaper Bank to receive over 3,000 diapers and wipes each month for distribution to needy families. This will be a big help to families! So now we have the opportunity to help pick up those diapers on the southeast side of Madison and drive them to the Allied neighborhood. We are hoping to find TWO drivers for each of TWO months this year, to share this task. For the description, schedule and a sign-up form, please go directly to this website (link also found on the WPC weekly email):

**[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N8w44Ahcg2CGIz2Po1eod6jxAUh\\_Is8E/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N8w44Ahcg2CGIz2Po1eod6jxAUh_Is8E/edit)**

**Wednesday, February 18** - Ash Wednesday Taize Service, 7:00PM at Westminster.

**Sundays: February 22, March 1 & 8** - Book Study with Ed Cothroll: "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg & John D. Crossan. Books are free and available on the table outside of the MJB Lounge.

**\*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\***

**Care List:** Barbara Vogelsang, Bob Klassy, Bill & Sue Bridson, Lynn Chapman

**Members & Friends:** Sally Forsberg, Ledger Dalton, Bob Goller

**Deacons on Duty** - Would you like a visit, food, prayers, help making your house accessible, etc.? Your deacons want to help. Look for the Deacon banner on nametags, or anyone wearing the *Deacon on Duty* button.



Celebrate the goodness of God and prepare for a faith-building Lent!

Invite friends  
Masks! Beads! Mission focus! Games!

Start a new Lent/Easter churchwide devotional writing project!

For Lunch:  
Red Beans and Rice!  
King Cake!

**BREAK THE WINTER BLUES  
WITH THIS FESTIVE OCCASION  
AFTER WORSHIP (11AM)!**