

Sunday Worship

February 8, 2026



Vision Statement:

We Are a Nurturing, Beloved Community.
We Are Growing Authentic Christian Faith.
We Are Living Christ-Inspired Action.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 18, 2026 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

RINGING THE BELL

WE ARE A NURTURING, BELOVED COMMUNITY

WELCOME SONG

“Many Are the Lightbeams”

LIGHTBEAMS



Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Je - sus.
Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Je - sus.



Man - y are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.
Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

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WELCOME

Sharon Benton

We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows and a coloring, book, and play area in the front and in the corner near the windows. Younger kids may enjoy the Narthex play area. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us as they participate fully.

*Rise in body or spirit

TIME WITH CHILDREN

After Time with Children, children may go with Maya to church school in the social hall or remain in the sanctuary as they choose.

*HYMN 489 (black hymnal)

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

EVAN

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by Rev. Teri Peterson

Renne Archer

One Voice: Some days we are all confusion and questions, O God,

All Voices: and some days we are ready to hear and follow.

One Voice: Whatever the state of our hearts and minds today,
whatever the situation of our bodies and spirits,

**All Voices: open us to receive the good news you have for us,
and help us share it with all. Amen.**

SUNG PRAYER

"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

SUO GAN



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Benton

Anyone may share a brief joy or concern

The Prayer of Jesus

We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:

“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”

Our Creator

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,
go to www.fccb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

WE ARE GROWING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-7

The Message

Renne Archer

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Renne Archer

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Our God”

Lucas Wagner, Amber Wagner, Jamie Elliott
by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Redman, and Jonas Myrin

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST-INSPIRED ACTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Your generosity allows us to serve God in this place and beyond.

There are several ways to give: 1) Go to: fcb.net/giving. 2) Make a check out to FCCB.

3) Use the Breeze app, if you're connected. 4) Text a dollar amount to (360) 205-1297.

5) Scan the QR code below or on the back cover of this bulletin.

6) Place cash or check in the offering plate.

Thank you!



MUSICAL OFFERING

“Touch the Sky”

Lucas Wagner, Amber Wagner, Jamie Elliott
by Dylan Thomas, Joel Houston, Michael Guy Chislett

E A D E

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and
 4 that when our life of faith is done, in
 5 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no

F#m D maj7 Bm7/E E F#m

gra - cious words we hear from one who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod, yet in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you
 gra - cious words we hear from one who spoke as

C#m7 Bm7 E7 A D/A E A

none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are in full and end - less sight.
 none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.

***BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE**

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Our pastor is available by appointment virtually or in person. Contact her by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

Sharon sharon@fccb.net

Our Chaplain is also available at chaplain@fccb.net.

Or you can email our Office Manager Cydne at office@fccb.net and she'll pass your message on.

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