

Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
5th Sunday after Epiphany - February 8, 2026

Reflection - *"There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."* ~ Edith Wharton

"The thing about light is that it really isn't yours; it's what you gather and shine back. And it gets more power from reflectiveness; if you sit still and take it in, it fills your cup, and then you can give it off yourself." ~ Anne Lamott



Piano Prelude



Announcements / Lighting the Candle / Welcome to Worship



Piano Introit



Call to Worship

One: Come, let the Mystery of God draw us in,

Many: Beautiful, Just, and Merciful!

One: Come, let the Wisdom of God surprise us,

Many: Vulnerable, Powerful, and Searching!

One: Come, let the Glory of God shine through our lives,

Many: Salty, Bright and Good!

One: Come, in the Mystery, the Wisdom,
and the Glory of God,

All: and let us worship!



Hymn NC #181 *You Are Salt of the Earth*

You are salt for the earth O people,

Salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life O people,

Life in the City of God!

*Refrain: Bring forth the reign of mercy,
Bring forth the reign of peace,
Bring forth the reign of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on a hill O people,

Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright O people,

Shine for the City of God! *Refrain*

You are a seed of the Word O people,
Bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the City of God! *Refrain*

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people,
Bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland,
Love is the City of God! *Refrain*



Unison Prayer of Invocation

Wonderful and Holy One, we gather today to celebrate your living presence among us. We come from busy weeks, longing for the quiet center where we can listen, be renewed, and begin again. Send your Spirit to meet us here. Open us to your mystery, shape us with your wisdom, so that we may begin to see your grace unfolding in our lives. May our worship be filled with wonder and joy. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your mystery, your wisdom, and your glory. Amen.



Gloria SL #9



Anthem *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (SL #698)*



Moment for All Ages



Scripture Readings Isaiah 58:1-9a p. 841
Matthew 5:13-20 p. 5



Message



Hymn NC #524 *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!...

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!...

I'm not gonna make it shine, Just gonna let it shine!....

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!..



Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up
our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.
Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

After each individual prayer request...

One: Loving and beloved God; **Many: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

Prayers of healing and hope for...

AMANDA Ghali, niece of Kevin and Lorraine O'Keefe

SKYLER Ghali, newborn baby of Amanda Ghali

RON Hiltbold, father of Wendy Wilcox

BOB Gould, cousin of Steve and Julie Holt

ANITA Hickey, member of the congregation

MARGERIE Shaw, friend of the congregation

BRIAN Cooper, son of Lynn Cooper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer using any version you wish



Response: Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies



Piano Offertory



Response SL #40 *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.

We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.



Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we long to be light that shines and salt that
gives life its holy flavor. May these gifts we offer, help
your love be known through us, preserving what is good,
healing what is broken, and helping to light the way of
justice and peace you desire for this world. Amen.



Hymn NC #76 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's realm and to answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and the name which we bear.



Benediction / Passing of the Peace



Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You w/ refrain*

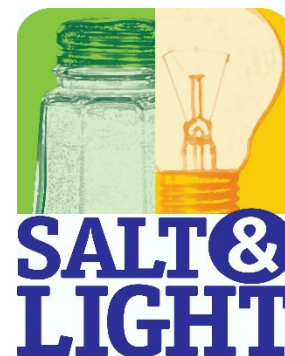
God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

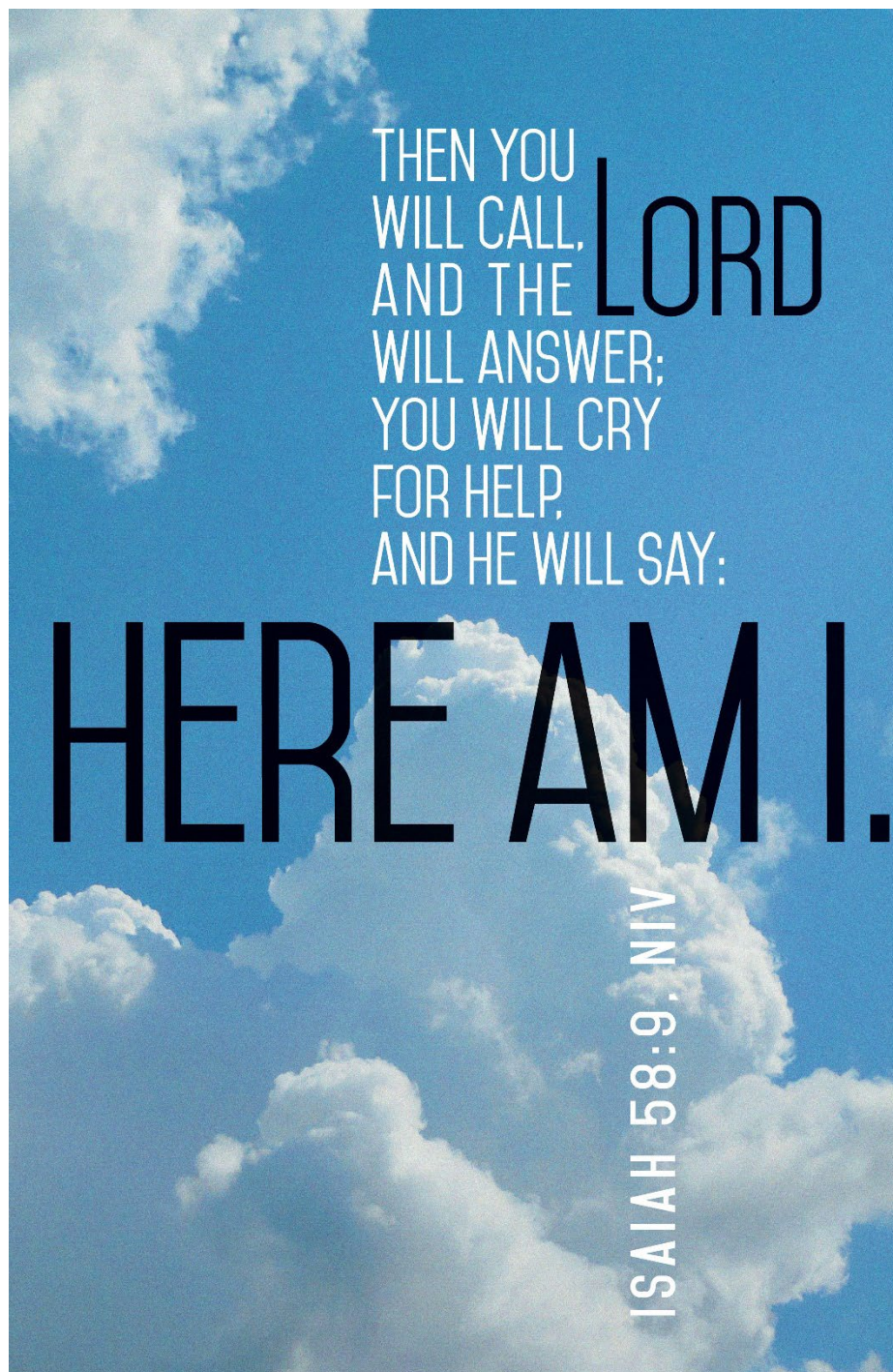


Piano Postlude



Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.





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Worship Participants

Ministers -	People of the church
Minister -	Rev. Carol Smith
Greeters -	⬆ Lorraine and Kevin O'Keefe ⬇ Pat Miller
Lay Reader -	Julie Holt
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Louise and Mike Raymond
Flowers -	Sue and Tom Morton

This Week at the Church...

Today -	Big Y Gift Card orders
Tuesday 7pm -	Women's Fellowship meeting: Books!
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry - see website for hours
Thurs 12noon -	COA Luncheon/Program
Thurs 7pm -	Choir
Friday 7pm -	AA



The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the birth of *Benjamin Wyatt Engelke*, born on January 21, 2026 to Emily Coggins and Daniel Engelke. His proud grandparents are Benjamin Coggins, and Beverly and Leroy Engelke. *Welcome, little one!*

Other Birthdays to celebrate...

February 9 ★-	Donna Brown, Carol Haines
February 10 ★-	Jill Collins
February 11 ★-	Sarah Lewis
February 12 ★-	Kelly Challet, Steven Perez
February 14 ★-	Julia D'Astous