

# February 15, 2026

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

### PRELUDE (*A Time for Quiet Meditation*)

Siciliano      J.S. Bach, arr. by George Blake

### WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*      *Open My Eyes*  
(verse 1)

***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 50)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**All: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth.**

One: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**All: God shines forth. Let us worship God.**

### \*GATHERING SONG #402

*How Lovely, Lord*  
(verse 1)

*Merle's Tune*

***How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.***

(verse 2)

***In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you stray. I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.***

(verse 3)

***A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High; you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny. The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall rivers of blessings overflow.***

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We need not look very far to see the brokenness of our world: broken systems, broken people, broken relationships. We are weary, we are worn. And we know that the world didn't get this way on its own. So, together, let us confess our part in the brokenness, and ask for God's help to repair and restore:

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of radiant light, we confess that we are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, and that we will not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we resist transformation**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. We would rather have someone else take care of the changing. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. Let your Spirit move through and among us to make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people.**

*(Time of Silence)*

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps even often – get it right, God is faithful still. Let this truth seep into your weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and renewed.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*SONG OF RESPONSE #192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*(refrain)*

***Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

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### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: In Christ we discover a peace that surpasses all human understanding. Let us share that same peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And, also, with you.**

### **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy One, as we read your Word together this day, enlighten our hearts and minds so that we might be transformed. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**     *John 9:1-7*

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM READING**     *Psalms 27:1-4*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**All: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

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One: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**All: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*I Worship You Almighty God*

*Wood & McDonald*

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *John 8:1-11*

While Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, <sup>4</sup> they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' <sup>6</sup> They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' <sup>8</sup> And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' <sup>11</sup> She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

### **THE MESSAGE**

*"A Man Born Blind; A Woman Spared" Rev. Dr. John Wahl*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of signs and wonders, sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **ORDINATION / INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*A Solemn Interlude*

*Rex Koury*

### **\*DOXOLOGY #286**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
(verse 3)*

*Trentham*

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until  
this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.***

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION / BLESSING OF HATS**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*SENDING SONG #691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* *Land of Rest*  
(verse 1)

***Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name; today I come,  
commit myself, responding to your claim.***

(verse 2)

***Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast, I take my place  
with all the saints of future, present, past.***

(verse 3)

***In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt, let your great  
Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.***

(verse 4)

***So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on  
the earth, my sights set high on you.***

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**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*Hopkins*

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go Forth in Praise*

*Eugene Englert*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Community Meal**

**Tuesday, February 17**



Community Meal

The community-wide dinner is offered at no charge for anyone who is hungry, who is feeling stretched, or who might need to be reminded that they are loved.

**Menu: Stuffed creole chicken, cheese grits, steamed veggies,  
frosted cake**

If you are interested in helping, we will be cooking meals from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; assembling from 3-4 p.m.; and distributing / delivering from 4-5 p.m. In addition, if you would like to bake a cake (your recipe of choice) at home, please drop off by 10 a.m. on February 17th.

See the February Valley Voice or the Church website for the links to sign up to volunteer and for the meal.

### **CFPCC Food Bank Needs**

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



**Any cleaning supplies or anything you would like to donate.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.

## Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday Party

**Tuesday, February 17, 5–6:30 p.m.**



Mardi Gras, which literally means “Fat Tuesday,” is typically called Shrove Tuesday in English churches because on that day, traditionally, people were shriven (i.e., had their confessions heard) in preparation for the beginning of Lent.

We are looking to make our community meal a festive, all-ages, in-person gathering. Come for a celebration in Fellowship Hall where, in addition to the dinner, there will be music, beads, costumes, crafts, photo booth, and king cakes.

The King Cake is an Epiphany Cake, with the “Kings” being the Magi—the “three Kings.” So, Mardi Gras is really an extended Epiphany, and the themes of the season are the same as that of Epiphany itself: the Light of Christ shining on all kinds of people (the Magi being the first Gentiles to worship the Christ Child), and the Light growing stronger and stronger as more and more kinds of people come to worship Christ. It’s, also, about our taking the Light of Christ out into the world and sharing it with others.

Come and be with us as we celebrate Christ’s Light and transition into the Lenten Season.

## Ash Wednesday – February 18

Marking the start of Lenten Season, Ash Wednesday is a day for prayer and penitence, to remember that: *From the earth we were formed, and to the earth we shall return; ashes to ashes and dust to dust.*

The imposition of ashes is a traditional sign of preparation for the Season of Lent. Also, many often make Lenten resolutions: a habit, substance, or practice to give up (or take up) during the season as a sign of preparing oneself for the coming Resurrection of our Lord.

On Ash Wednesday, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation, and the imposition of ashes will be available from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Knitting For Others

Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.



**The group will meet Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:  
February 22**

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all of the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. If you

have any bulky size-5 or 6 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl  
502-553-7255

Bev Keough  
330-888-5385

### Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

**Friday, March 6** (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

**Saturday, March 7** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at  
440-829-7841 or [passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com](mailto:passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com).

### Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

**Credit card** donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for "Give Now" button. Can only be used for donations.

Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

Use the following QR Code to donate via **Zelle**:



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