



Central Park United Methodist Church

216 Beard Ave, Buffalo, NY 14214 Phone: (716) 833-3193

www.centralparkcomplex.com

help@centralparkcomplex.com

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year
A**

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

10:30 am Church Service

*Everyone is invited to pray at the altar before the
service.*

Rev. Raquel Alston, Pastor

Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music

Reader: Ms. Georgia Whitney

Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy

*We are a Christ-centered community
of faith and love, reaching out to all.*

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 112:1-10, Matthew 5:14-16

ONE: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the one who fears the LORD!

MANY: Who greatly delights in His commandments!

ONE: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright!

MANY: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous!

ONE: You are the light of the world!

MANY: A city set on a hill cannot be hidden!

ALL: Let us worship the Lord, whose light shines through us to the world!

DECLARATION & PRAISE

Songs of Light and Witness: Based on Psalm 112

"Light dawns in the darkness for the upright, the gracious, merciful, and righteous!"

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" Hymnal #430

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 112:1-10

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: (Please stand if you are able)

Matthew 5:13-20

Reader: *This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jim Grande

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Ain'a That Good News" William Dawson

THE PROCLAMED WORD

Scripture: Psalm 112:1-10; Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: "Salt, Light, Purpose, Shine"

The Rev. Raquel Alston

HYMN "What Gift Can We Bring" Hymnal #87

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

A Service Of Word And Table II Hymnal #12-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER / OMBI LA BWANA YESU (Swahili)

English Swahili + Pronunciation

Our Father, who art in heaven	Baba yetu uliye mbinguni (BAH-bah YEH-too oo-LEE-yeah mm-bee-NGOO-nee)
Hallowed be thy name.	Jina lako litukuzwe. (JEE-nah LAH-koh lee-too-KOOZ-weh)
Thy kingdom come.	Ufalme wako uje. (oo-FAHL-meh WAH-koh OO-jeh)
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	Mapenzi yako yatimizwe, duniani kama mbinguni. (mah-PEN-zee YAH-koh yah-tee-MEEZ-weh, doo-nee-AH-nee KAH-mah mm-bee-NGOO-nee)
Give us this day our daily bread.	Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku. (oo-TOO-peh LEH-oh mm-KAH-teh WEH-too wah KEE-lah SEE-koo)
And forgive us our trespasses,	Na utusamehe makosa yetu. (nah oo-too-sah-MEH-heh mah-KOH-sah YEH-too)
As we forgive those who trespass against us.	Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe wakosaji wetu. (KAH-mah NAH-see too-nah-vee-yoh-wah-sah-MEH-heh wah-koh-SAH-jee WEH-too)

English

And lead us not
into temptation,

But deliver us
from evil.

Amen.

Swahili + Pronunciation

Wala usitutie katika majaribu. (WAH-lah oo-see-too-TEE-eh kah-TEE-kah mah-jah-REE-boo)

Lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu. (lah-KEE-nee oo-too-oh-KOH-eh nah YOO-leh mm-WOH-voo)

Amina. (ah-MEE-nah)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHURCH LIFE & MINISTRY

SENDING HYMN

Hymnal #”474

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

BENEDICTION

Go forth as salt and light in this world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not hide the light that God has placed within you but let it illuminate every corner of darkness. May you be seasoned with grace, radiant with hope, and faithful to the Law and the Prophets fulfilled in Christ. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, go and shine. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

+++++