



# *Central Park United Methodist Church*

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## **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.*

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**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 worshipping 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 PROCLAIMED 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-yeh 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

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