

# Contemporary Worship

January 18, 2026

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*Lectionary 2*

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism.*

*He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit.*

*In worship we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal.*

*We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One  
and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Come Just as You Are – Joseph Sabolick*

*Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.*

*Come just as you are. Come and see, come receive,  
Come and live forever.*

*Life everlasting, and strength for today;*

*Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.*

*Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.*

*Come just as you are. Come receive, Christ the King,  
Come and live forever.*

## WELCOME

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**Assembly:** And also with you.

## OPENING SONG \*

*Come and See*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39  
Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby  
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## EPISTLE READING \*

I Corinthians 1:1-9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON \***

John 1:29-42

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

### SONG \*

*Now Behold the Lamb*



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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### PRAYERS \*

Leader: Called by Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Lamb of God,  
guide your church to follow you faithfully  
and to invite others to come and see.

God of grace,

**Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Light of the nations,  
lead the people of the world toward justice and peace,  
especially where there is conflict or fear.

God of grace,

**Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Creator God,  
renew the earth and teach us to care for all you have made.

God of grace,

**Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Compassionate Christ,  
be near to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,  
especially those we name before you now in our hearts.

*A brief a silence*

Leader: Bring healing, comfort, and hope.  
God of grace,

**Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Calling God,  
bless our daily work and service,  
that we may reflect your love in all we do.  
God of grace,

**Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Trusting in your mercy,  
we place all these prayers into your hands,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Assembly: Amen.**

**PEACE \***

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**Assembly: And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with  
"peace be with you...and also with you."*

*You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.  
If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.*

## OFFERING

*Come and See – Redman/Ingram/Maher/Tomlin*

*As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.*

*Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.*



*Behold the author of our salvation, behold the wonder of grace so free,  
Behold the blessing of true forgiveness at Calvary.*

*Behold the answer for all the broken, behold the mercy that makes a way,  
Behold the promise of perfect healing at Calvary.*

*Come and see, come and see what God has done.  
Come and see, come and see what love has won:  
In this place hearts and lives, waking up to the light of the world.  
You're the light of the world!*

*The cross is speaking Your words of freedom.  
No condemnation shall we now fear.  
Our shame is silenced! Your love has triumphed at Calvary.*

## WORDS OF CONFESSION \*

Leader: We come before God in a time of confession.

Leader: God of mercy and light,  
you call us by name and invite us to follow Jesus.

**Assembly: Yet we confess that we often look elsewhere.  
We get distracted by fear, comfort, and control.  
We fail to see Christ among us and resist where you are leading.  
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.  
We do not trust your grace enough to change us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and turn us again toward you,  
that we may follow faithfully and live boldly.  
Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \***

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION \***

## **LORD'S PRAYER \***

**Our Father, 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.  
We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.  
You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.  
Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available  
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.  
You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets  
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of  
the cups and packaging after the service.  
"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

**Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.**

*As you are served communion:*

**Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you  
Communion Receiver: Amen.**

## **Lamb of God (Your Only Son)**

Verse 1: Your only Son no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

*Chorus:* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God,  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2: Your gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God...*chorus*

Verse 3: I was so lost I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God...*chorus*

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Leader: Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE**



## **BLESSING \***

Leader: The God who calls you by name and reveals Jesus as the Lamb of God  
+ bless you and keep you.

The Christ who turns and asks, "*What are you looking for?*"  
walk with you, dwell with you, and lead you in the way of life.

The Holy Spirit, who gathers disciples and sends light into the world,  
strengthen you for faithful witness and joyful service.

And the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **SONG \***

*We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*

Verse 1: We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,  
We are marching in the light of God.

Verse 2: We are dancing . . .

Verse 3: We are praying . . .

Verse 4: We are singing . . .

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## **DISMISSAL \***

Leader: Go in peace.  
Follow the Lamb of God.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God!**

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*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Betty Weaver by her son and daughter,  
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