

*Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

*Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

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Postlude

Soon I Will Be Done

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Andrew by Brenda Birrell.

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Director of Music: Mark Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



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*Fifth Sunday
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 2026

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)
Welcome		Reverend Burke Owens
Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Community		Sumith Kalas
*Call to Worship		Sumith Kalas
People of God, why are you here? We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives. People of God, who do you worship? We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love. People of God, how do you worship? We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed. People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us! May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	UMH 98
1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done! 2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain) 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)		

Children's Moment		Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Anthem	<i>God of Harmony and Beauty</i>	David Schwoebel
Scripture	<i>1 Corinthians 2:7-16</i>	Julianne Stafford
Message	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>	Reverend Burke Owens
Moment of Silence		
Prayers of the People		Reverend Burke Owens
	Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.	Lord, for these gifts, we give you thanks!
*Lord's Prayer		Reverend Burke Owens
	Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	see insert
Invitation to the Offering		Sumith Kalas
Offertory Prayer		
	Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.	
Offertory		
*Doxology		UMH 94