

# Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026

## PRELUDE

*from Sonata No. 1*

*Adagio*

## WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Elder Marty Henegar

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 57*

Leader: Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.**

Leader: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.

**People: He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me—**

Leader: God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

### † HYMNS OF PRAISE

*Dwell (#20)*

*All People That On Earth Do*

*We Are Singing For The Lord Is Our Light (Siyahamba)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-13

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, you have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for your Kingdom. You call us to love yourself and our neighbors, but we continue to give our own agendas top priority. Forgive us when our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the lost, and the sick. Forgive us when we praise you with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with words and deeds that reflect your grace and

mercy. Renew in us the gratitude for your great love that makes us more like Jesus. in his name we pray...

*(Prayers of silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### † DOXOLOGY

## JUNIOR CHURCH

## OFFERING

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Reflection of Christ*

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### † SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:14-23

## SERMON

It Is Not Good To Be Here  
Rev. Dr. Tharwat Wahba

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE  
*Unfinished*

*Facing A Task*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
*Festive Finale*

*Our Prayer Team will be available to pray with anyone in the Chapel following the service.*

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*We are thankful that you are worshiping with us. Please take a moment to mark your attendance with us today on the friendship pad found at the end of the pew.*

### Upcoming Events

Feb 10th -9:45am - Women's Morning Bible Study. Join us to study the theme of encouragement through Paul's letters.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm – Westminster Wednesday Missions dinner featuring Josh Grimm from Reformed University Fellowship.

Feb 13th - 6:45am - Men's Breakfast - We hope you can join us for food, fellowship and discussion. Our speaker will be Leighton Ford.



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for the sake of others.*