

# 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.  
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

**PRELUDE** *The God of Abraham Praise | O How I Love Jesus | Christ Has Risen*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Pastor Doug*

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)** *Pastor Doug*

**God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.**

**CENTERING TIME** *He Is Lord* UMH # 177

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** *Isabella S.*

Isabella: Come, give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart;

**All: give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Isabella: The Lord regards the lowly in the midst of their trouble;

**All: God delivers us, breaking the powers of sin and death.**

Isabella: Hear the good news! Proclaim it to the ends of the earth!

**All: Christ is risen, and we share in him the life that is forever.**

**+OPENING HYMN** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'ver Us* UMH # 100

**+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):** *Penny M.*

**Wonderous God, you are the Source of all things. The whole of Creation—from mountain streams to ocean waves—proclaims your handiwork, and universal chorus is raised in joyful praise to you. In every moment, you journey alongside us, choosing relationship with your beloved children. You weave our lives together in a single tapestry, and call us to share the good news of your story. Too often, however, our voices fall silent. We are overcome by the uncertainty of not knowing, the sheer volume of those shouting in opposition, and the power of death that still seems so strong. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that we are not alone, but rather part of a great cloud of witnesses. Help us to hold firmly to what we have received, even as we extend it freely to one another. Fill us with your mercy and grace, that our lives may be testament to your resurrection power. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

**+SHARING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Pastor Doug*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *Isabella S.*

Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand.<sup>2</sup> You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing.<sup>3</sup> I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures,<sup>4</sup> he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures.<sup>5</sup> He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve,<sup>6</sup> and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died.<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,<sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time.<sup>9</sup> I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church.<sup>10</sup> I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me.<sup>11</sup> So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

**SERMON** **"Proclaiming the Gospel"** *Pastor Doug*  
*Sharing the good news of God's resurrection power*

**HYMN** *O Church of God, United* UMH # 547

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** *Penny M.*

**OFFERTORY**  
**+DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 95

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Isabella S.*

**God of Grace, you pour out your blessing upon us, raising us from the shadow of death to a life filled with your abundance. You bind us together, and you make it possible to share in your goodness. As we return to you portions of what we have received, we do so grateful to be part of your story. Help us, with these offerings, to live boldly before you and to proclaim your good news. Amen.**

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# FEBRUARY 9, 2025

*If you do not feel comfortable speaking your joy or concern aloud, please complete a prayer card and pass it toward the center aisle. Pastor will collect the cards as we sing the following hymn:*

**PRAYER HYMN** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful—3X* TFWS # 2195

**JOY AND CONCERNS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** UMH # 895

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. Amen.

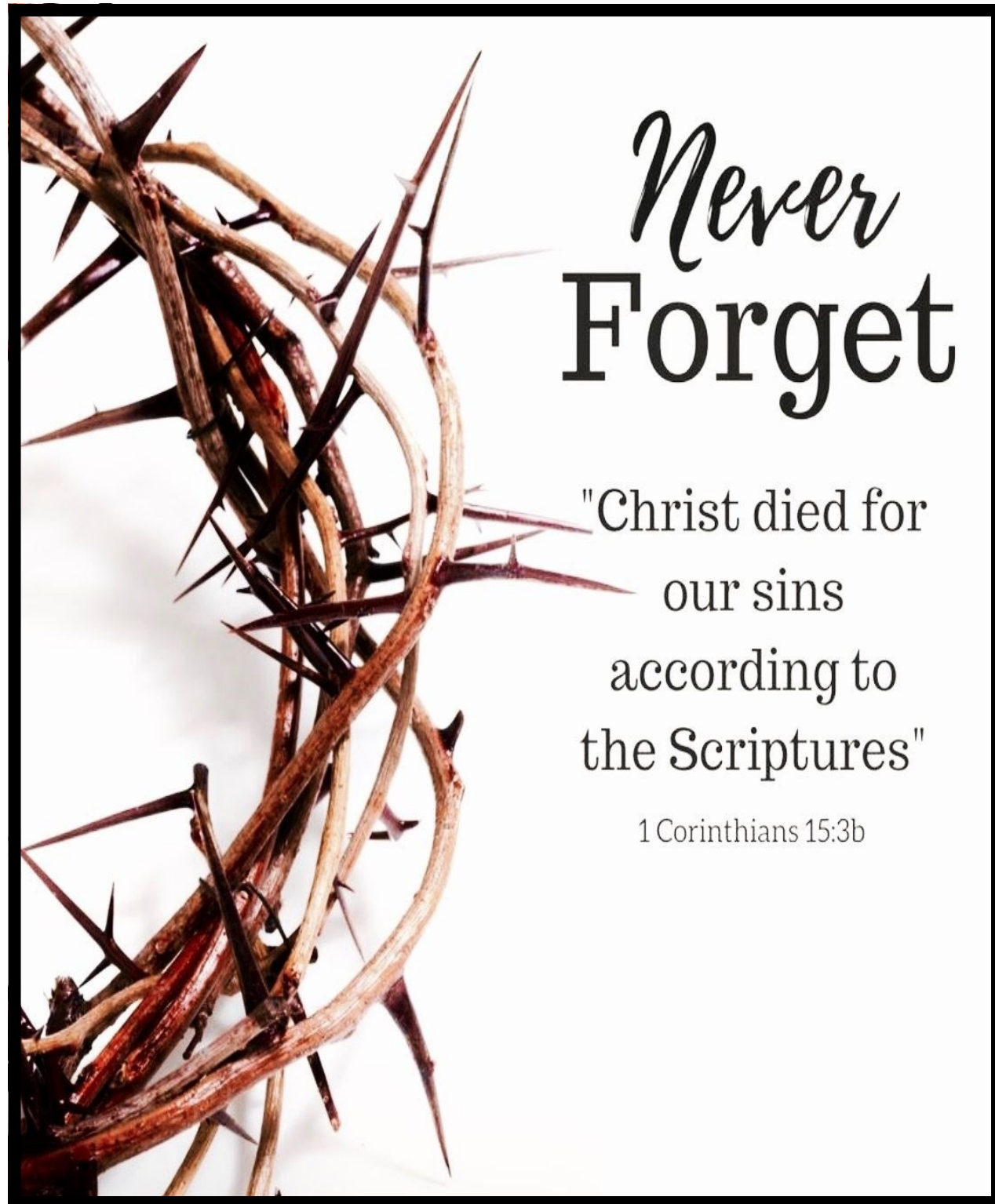
**+CLOSING HYMN** *Grace Alone* TFWS # 2162

**+BENEDICTION** *Pastor Doug*

**POSTLUDE** *Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER



# Never Forget

"Christ died for  
our sins  
according to  
the Scriptures"

1 Corinthians 15:3b

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## FEBRUARY NOISY can LAST SUPPER performance

We will once again be presenting “The Last Supper” on Monday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 16th. This month’s noisy can will go to offset the expenses for the production. Please support the efforts for the recreation of the Last Supper.



Photo Credit.—Kelly H.

## SOUP OR SOCKS

Soup or Socks has asked Wesley to collect donations of **soup (canned or packaged)** and **crackers** during the month of February. There is a collection box for your donations in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping the food pantry out. - Thank you-



## UPCOMING FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

9: Waleen S.

14: Terry F.



This week's YouTube link for Sunday Worship Service  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/jCXCbxLZsY>



## Marshfield Area Empty Bowls

A Fundraising Event for the Soup or Socks Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

**Saturday, March 8, 2025 - 11 AM to 2 PM - Dine-in Only**

Marshfield Eagle's Club, 1104 S Oak Avenue, Marshfield

Bowl of Soup—\$12 | Flight of Soup \$17 | Each ticket comes with a ceramic bowl to take home!

### LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! [wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org](mailto:wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org)

**JOYS:** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For John (*friend of Mary E.*) who came home last Friday.
- For the folks who helped a gentleman who fell at Walmart.
- For the person who escorted another to their car across an icy road.

### CONCERNS:

- For **Steven R.** who went in for lab work on Monday (Feb.3).
- For **Joel T.** as he goes through cardiac testing related to shortness of breath.
- For the family of **Jerry** (*uncle of Caleb H.*) who passed away on Jan. 30.

**HOMEBOUND:** Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

### OTHERS:

- For those downriver of the **Kaweah** and **Success** reservoirs as excessive amounts of water are released.
- For the families and communities of those lost in the air crashes in **Washington D.C.** and **Philadelphia.**
- For **civil servants** who, despite many years of faithful service, are suddenly being told they have no jobs.
- For **non-profits** and **service organizations** whose vital work is being interrupted by confusing orders and funding freezes.