

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**  
**Epiphany 5 – February 8, 2026**  
**Rev. Kellie McComb**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

**One:** We can look up and up, beyond the atmosphere,  
**All:** **And your love climbs beyond what we can perceive.**  
**One:** We can gaze at the beauty of vibrant sunsets,  
**All:** **Yet your love outshines them all.**  
**One:** We can gasp in awe at the majesty of the mountains,  
**All:** **But the majesty of your love is greater still.**  
**One:** We can plumb the depths of the ocean's thriving wonders.  
**All:** **And your wondrous love is even deeper and more alive.**  
**One:** We trust and depend upon your everlasting love, O God,  
**All:** **Taking shelter in the warmth of your nurturing wings.**  
**One:** You are the fountain of life within us.  
**All:** **May your steadfast love guide us this morning as one.**  
**One:** Let us pray together:  
**All:** **Loving God, we are each of us unique, yet you call us to become the body of Christ. Help us to hear your persistent whispering, that we might use your gifts as one, the whole becoming greater than the sum of the parts. Amen.**

**HYMN:** Love Divine

VU #333

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN:** Like a Rock (actions)

MVU #92

*Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13 (NRSVUE)**

**13** If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast<sup>[a]</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

**Luke 4: 21 – 30 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown." <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> <sup>28</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

**MESSAGE:** WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

**HYMN:** Though I May Speak

VU #372

**OFFERING PRESENTATION**

**Offertory:** O for a World (vs. 2)

VU #697

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

**Offertory Prayer:**

*Loving God, many hands have worked to offer these gifts. There are many hands in this community of faith that work together to do your work in the world. Let our hands be Christ's hands, let these gifts share your love in the world. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**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, the power, and the glory,**

**For ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN:** I the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU #509

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH** (together)

**And now into God's world we go:**

**Grateful for a love that holds us fast,**

**Ready to live our gratitude in the world,**

**Thankful that we have been blessed,**

**Eager to be a blessing**

**In all the places life calls us to be. Amen.**

**CHORAL BLESSING:** God Be with You

VU #422

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you. With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

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**Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb**

**Music: Chris Savory**



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*Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.*

**The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.**

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