

**Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

Centering Music: "And on this Path" MV 8

Call to Worship: (Hebrews 2-14-18)

The incarnate one,
Crucified, risen, present
As we are tested.
Jeff Shrowder

* Opening Hymn: "Know That God is Good" MV 104

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation:

One: God, who created this blue-green plant
....And faith in tomorrow

All: When we taste food or water may we remember those who hunger and thirst; And, as we are nourished, may we gain energy to work for the greater sharing in your world. Amen.

Scripture readings:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Psalms 112 VU 834 with refrain

Matthew 5:13-20 (*NRSVUE - Rev. Alison*)

For the word of God in Scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks be to God

Choir: "Thank You for the Music"

Reflection: "Salt and light"

*Hymn: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU 585

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music

* **Hymn of Dedication:** "What Can I Do?" MV 191

* Prayer of Dedication: *(together)*

**All: Gracious and loving God, bless now our gifts and those given through PAR and online.
May our giving be an inspiration to others, inviting them into your love. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father in Heaven" TLUS 70

* Closing Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" VU 575

* Commissioning/Benediction

* Sung Amen: "Sing Amen" VU 431

Music for Scattering

Next week's readings:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21