

FUMC San Benito 5<sup>th</sup> Core Belief:  
People who do the right thing, even when it is uncomfortable, even  
when it costs us something.



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*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Scout Sunday  
February, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.*

*Welcome All!*

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either  
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

**PRELUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**

**Point to Ponder: Jesus calls us to live in such a way that our lives point beyond us — to the source of all light. . . which is God. That's our purpose.**

**FLAG CEREMONY**

**Troop 25**

**With Pledge of Allegiance**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rudy Hyde**

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**People:** We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.

**Leader:** Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**People:** We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even of the dark tunnel of death.

**Leader:** Jesus said, "You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

**People:** Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole beings, as women and men claimed by the Light.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE****words No. 585  
Familiar tune****"This Little Light of Mine"****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT****Rudy Hyde****REPORT FROM THE SCOUTS**

- **Update on Scout 25**
- **Explanation as where the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Giving will go for the Troop 25 Scouting Program**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:****Pastor Melissa**

Pastor: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

**People: We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. Forgive us, God. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin. . .**

*A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.*

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****Pastor Melissa**

**followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Dear loving God, 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****Tom Hoehn****\*DOXOLOGY**

## SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY:

*Above all love each other deeply.*

1 Peter 4:8

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## \*GOSPEL LESSON

Louise Humble

**Matthew 5:13-20**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

## INVITATION OF CHRISTIAN

DISCIPLESHIP



## \*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

TFWS 2173

*"Shine Jesus Shine"*

## \*BENEDICTION

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: We go forth in a desire to Shine the Light of Christ into all the world.

People: We go as the light that will bring us and others out of dark places.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

## POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**