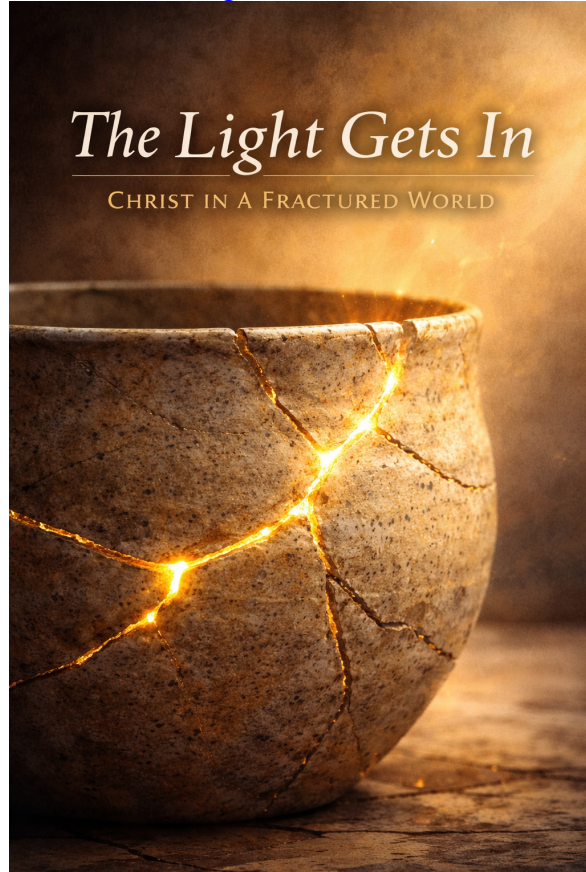


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The Light Gets In

CHRIST IN A FRACTURED WORLD

First Sunday of Lent | February 22nd 2026

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Don Phillips

*Call to Worship

One: Blessed are those who are authentic before God, who come

into his presence with honesty and humility.

ALL: He knows our sins and does not count them against us.

One: In community we come before God and practice confession.

ALL: God is our hiding place, our safe refuge in the storm.

One: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

ALL: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, my siblings! Sing with all your heart!

***Hymn of Praise 117** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Opening Prayer

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, you send us toward one another, with grace instead of fear. Widen our hearts to trust your work in us and others. Lead us into the holy risk of love through the adventure of faith. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 32 (UMH766)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.**

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up^{as} as by the heat of summer. *Selah***

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah***

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress,^{as} the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah***

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.**

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Music of Preparation *Amazing Grace.* arr. Bruce Stevenson
Isabel Burgos DeStephanis, cello
The Chancel Choir

Scripture and Gospel Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon From Groaning to Cries of Deliverance Don Finch

Hymn of Response 389 *Freely, Freely* FREEY, FREELY

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his love as he told me to.

REFRAIN

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

2. All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his power as he told me to.

REFRAIN**Prayers of the People****Confession and Pardon**

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are faced with many temptations. You know the weakness of each one of us. You know us better than we know ourselves. Give us a true longing to be free from sin. We pray for deliverance which

comes from grace through your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News: In Christ, we are redeemed and forgiven. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

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
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**

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Adoration* Florence Price

***Doxology 95** *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***Sending Hymn 377** *It Is Well with My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace live a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

***Benediction 666** *Shalom to You* SHALOM
**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Don Phillips

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Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36)

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

Words: Thomas H Troeger (Matt. 17:1-8 Mark; 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36_

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

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