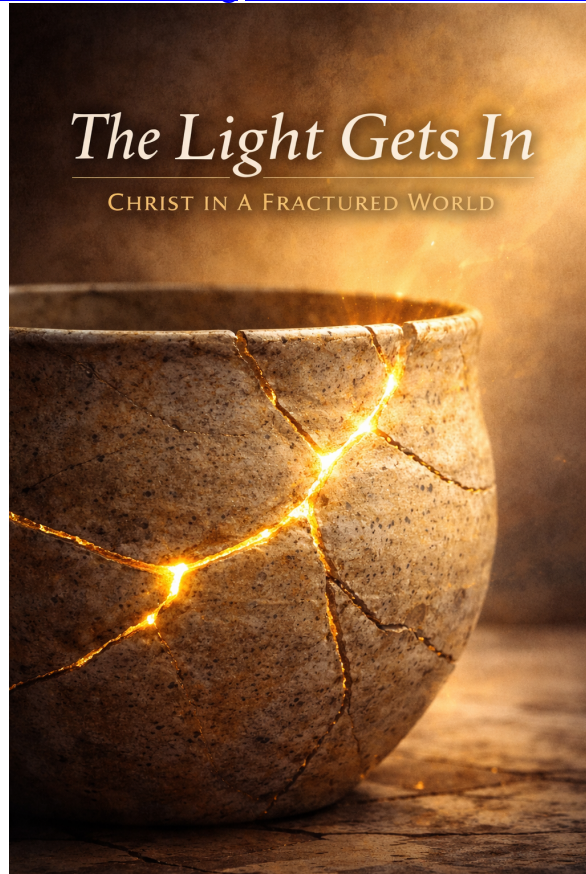


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The Light Gets In

CHRIST IN A FRACTURED WORLD

Forth Sunday of Lent | March 15th 2026

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

Prayer of St. Gregory
Gregg Frey, trumpet

Alan Hovhanness

*Call to Worship

One: From the depths we cry out to you, O God!

All: Where we are fractured, suffering, wounded, exposed – your light surrounds us.

One: We lay our hearts and souls before you, O God!

All: And your love, the light of the world, saves us.

*Hymn of Praise 188 *Christ Is the World's Light*

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother;
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!

Opening Prayer

Illuminating Breath of Life, you meet us in Christ - the one who calls us, forgives us, and loves us. Enter the hidden places of our hearts, heal what is broken, light our path, and lead us in the way of the light of life.

Responsive Reading Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshipped.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord's word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch in the morning, more than those who watch in the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

Music of Preparation *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Dan Forrest
The Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson John 8:1-12

Sermon The Light Gets In: Christ in a fractured world
The Light of Life

Pastor Beth Rambikur

Hymn of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act, we stir the pot when we could offer peace, we wander tempting paths instead of following your call. We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We do not love our enemies and refuse to break bread with

them, we see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy which is with us our whole life long, so that we might dwell in your love and grace forever.

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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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Gary Lanier
Gregg Frye, trumpet

***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** 121 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
WELLESLEY

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

2. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

4. If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

***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 *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German
 Gregg Frey, trumpet

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Organist: Janet Tolman
Stephen Minister: Robert Stoebe
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"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
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