



WALKER'S CHAPEL

Behold the Son of God

The Light of the World

January 24, 2026 • Saturday Worship

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 27:1-6

“The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
 to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,
 it is they who stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
 my heart shall not fear;
 though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing have I asked of the Lord,
 that will I seek after:
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
 he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will lift me high upon a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
 and I will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymnal, 38)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Hymn of Prayer • Lord, Have Mercy

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle for the alto, and the bottom for the bass. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord." The second staff begins with "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord." The third staff begins with "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord." The bass staff concludes with "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord."

Prayer of Confession • Jn 8:12; 9:39; Ps 82:5; Is 42:18-20; Jer 17:9; Jn 3:19-20; Ps 119:18

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world, yet we often prefer the shadows that conceal our sin.

People: We confess that we sometimes love darkness rather than light, because our sinful deeds are exposed by your truth.

Leader: You came so that the blind might see, yet we often believe we see clearly while resisting your correction.

People: We admit that our hearts are deceitful, and we often trust our own judgment more than the truth of your Word.

Leader: You open eyes to behold wonderful things in your law, but we sometimes close our eyes to your truth because of our pride or fear.

People: We have walked as though ignorant of your ways, stumbling in the dark without understanding.

Leader: Open our eyes, O Lord, and turn us again to the light of your truth.

All: Give us sight by your Spirit, that we may walk as children of light and glorify you in all things. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 1 Peter 2:9-10

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” **Amen.**

Hymn of Prayer • Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Hymnal, 508)

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • John 9

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself” (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”)

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Sermon

The Light of the World – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God’s People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Praise • O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymnal, 164)

Profession of Faith • Psalm 146:7-10

“The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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***

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Faith • Amazing Grace (Hymnal, 460)

Benediction • Isaiah 60:1-3

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.” **Amen**

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine up - on you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn His face to - ward you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
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