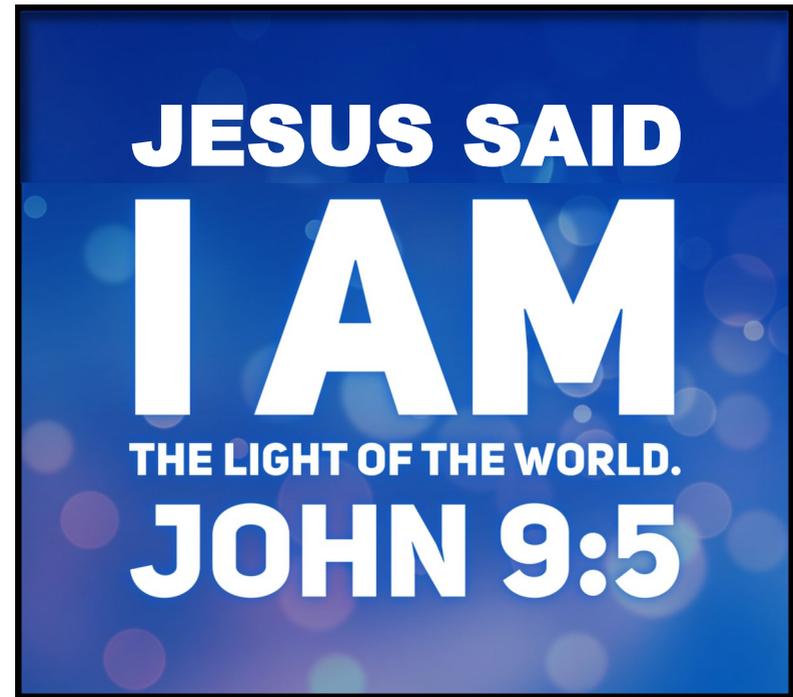


What Do You See Here?



“SEE THE LIGHT”

John 9:1-41

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME to our service today. We hope you find this time of worship meaningful and uplifting, and will join us again soon. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

***All who are able may stand.**

Please wear your nametags & turn off your cell phones.

Prelude Emma McKirdy-Wilsey
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

***Choral Call to Worship** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: God summons us to wake up and see. Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Congregation: Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness. We seek to live as children of light.

Liturgist: God sees beyond our outward appearance. God knows the intent of our hearts.

Congregation: We are here to find out what is pleasing to God. We want to know what is right and true.

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~ MARCH 2026 CALENDAR ~

Wed	3/25	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	UCC at Food Pantry
Thurs	3/26	5:00 pm	Grief Support Group
Fri	3/27	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	UCC at Food Pantry
Sun	3/29	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship
Mon	3/30	8:45 am - 12:15 pm 6:00 pm	UCC at Food Pantry Dakota Youth Orchestra
Tues	3/31	9:00 am 1:30 pm	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood Bible Study Fireside Rm



***A Doxology** *Praise God* No.780
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. Amen.

***Hymn** *Open Our Eyes* FWS No. 2086

Prayer for Illumination (unison)
God of mercy, whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are not our ways, thank you for reaching out to hear us even when we have not asked, for your touch is transforming, enabling us to witness to your truth and walk in your ways. May we do so today, that others may be drawn into the circle of discipleship. Amen.

Scripture John 9:1-41

Sermon *“See the Light”* Randy Hedge

***Closing Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* No. 522

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *Benediction* C. Barrows
**May God's blessings surround you today,
as you trust Him and walk in His way;
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.**

***Postlude** Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

Prayer List: World, National, and Local leaders. Paula Cottrill; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); Mel Cooper (for successful surgeries – Rich and Sharon's daughter, friend of Dana Eberhard); Grayson Chapeau; Pat Patterson (cancer); Rhian Elmid (sponsored child); Elsie Hanson; Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3rd round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; June Klinkel; Lorrie Loobey (Jo Hansen's sister) and Martina Loobey (Jo Hansen's niece) for health concerns; Marna Bergstrom for recovery; Elaine Jongeling; John Daum; Hilda Locke; Joyce Collins; Carolyn Greenfield.

Please let Shirley B. know if you have any updates or additions.

Bible Study: We had a great Bible Study last Tuesday! Our Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount continues this **Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30** in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome - please join us! You don't need to attend every session – each one stands on its own.

Brought Together Through Jesus: A Special booklet from Our Daily Bread titled "*Brought Together Through Jesus*" is available on the glass counter. It contains seven Easter reflections on reconciliation with God and one another. Feel free to help yourselves to one of these booklets!

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Sun	3/15	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship One Great Hour of Sharing special collection Missions Meeting
Mon	3/16	6:00 pm	Dakota Youth Orchestra
		8:45 am - 12:15 pm	UCC at Food Pantry
Tues	3/17	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood
		1:30 pm	Bible Study Fireside Rm
Wed	3/18	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	UCC at Food Pantry
		1:00 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thurs	3/19	5:00 pm	Grief Support Group
Fri	3/20	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	UCC at Food Pantry
Sun	3/22	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting
Mon	3/23	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	UCC at Food Pantry
		6:00 pm	Dakota Youth Orchestra
Tues	3/24	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood
		1:30 pm	Bible Study Fireside Rm