

I AM

...the Light of the World

1. The world is in darkness.

a. Darkness brings:

- confusion
- fear
- pain
- evil



b. Darkness is all around us.

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

(Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV)

c. Darkness is in us.

“Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.” (Ephesians 4:18-19 NLT)

2. Jesus is the light of the world

“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” (John 8:12 NLT)

“I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.” (John 12:46 NLT)

- Light dispels darkness
- Light penetrates & Illuminates
- Light purifies, heals and cleanses

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”
(1 John 1:7 NIV)

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”
(John 1:5 NLT)

3. Those who follow Jesus are children of the light

“For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don’t belong to darkness and night.” (1 Thessalonians 5:5 NLT)

a. Children of the light have chosen light over darkness.

“Jesus replied, ‘My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.’” (John 12:35-36 NLT)

“God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.” (John 3:19-21 NLT)

b. Children of the light shine brightly so that others can come out of darkness, too.

“For God, who said, ‘Let there be light in the darkness,’ has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts...” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7 NLT)

“...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”
(1 Peter 2:9 NLT)

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14-16 NLT)

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Sanctuary Service **March 8, 2009**
Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church

Special Music	<i>You Shine</i>	Shine Your Light Praise Team
Responsive Reading		Russ Dunman
Hymn #98	<i>To God be the Glory</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. John Schmidt
Registration and Offertory		Russ Dunman
Offertory	<i>Your Love, O Lord</i>	Choir
Congregational Song	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	Congregation

Sermon: Rev. John Schmidt

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Special Music	<i>Shine Your Light</i>	Youth Worship Arts
Benediction		

Flowers are placed in honor of Dixon
Moore's seventh birthday on March
12, by his family. Happy Birthday,
Dixon — we love you!