

“There’s a crack in everything.
That’s how the light gets in.”

— Leonard Cohen



“Even when we stumble,
God keeps writing.
The story’s not over
just because
the chapter is dark.”

— K.J. Ramsey

“Grace means that all of your
mistakes now serve a purpose
instead of serving shame.”

— Brené Brown

“Saints are not those who
never fall, but those who
get up again and again and
again—by grace. ”

— Dorothy Day
(paraphrased from her diaries)

Worship Series January 4 – February 15, 2026

Kings, Prophets, and People Like Us

These stories shape us. The Old Testament is full of flawed heroes,
dangerous power grabs, and glimpses of God’s justice and mercy.

The issues these biblical characters face are
much like the ones we face. Every day.

This series explores the messy and miraculous ways
God moves through kings, prophets, and ordinary sinners like us.



If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office.
We will include it on the prayer request list for a month,
unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

Thanks to our Choir for leading worship singing this morning!



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WE GATHER IN NEED OF THE RISEN CHRIST

Chiming

As the bells ring, we quiet our voices and focus our hearts.

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we come not as saints, but as sinners in need of grace.
Not to defend our goodness, but to admit our brokenness.
Meet us here—where failure isn’t the end,
and your mercy still writes the next chapter. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 407 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*Confessing Our Sin

God of integrity and light, we have done what we knew we shouldn’t
and ignored what we knew we should.
We have hidden when we should have confessed
and stayed silent when we should have spoken.
Forgive us—not just for the sin, but for thinking we could manage it alone.
Amen.

(we listen to words of God’s assurance)

I will give you rest for your weary soul.
If you only come to me, I will make you whole.

*Receiving Grace

David failed.
So have we.
But God’s mercy embraces us.
In Christ, even the worst chapters can be rewritten.
You are forgiven.
You are still called. You are still loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Time of Discovery

Message

Dr. Craig Wansink

“When Heroes Fail”
2 Samuel 11:1–17; 12:1–10

WE RESPOND IN HUMILITY

*Meditating on our Faith

“Hold Me, Rock Me”
By Brian Tate

Mission and Ministry of the Church

Installation and Ordination of Elders

Offering Gratitude

Who has spoken hard truth to me in love—and how has that truth
become a gift I now give thanks for?

Please write your response on a piece paper, put it—and any offering
or visitation card—in the black basket in your pew,
and then the person on the aisle in your pew will
bring those baskets forward as an offering.

Thank you for all of the ways you share your time, life, and finances
on behalf of the mission of this church family.

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 441 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Verses 1 and 3

WE DEPART IN JOY

*Benediction

May the God who confronted David, also confront what keeps you from life.
May the God who restored David, also restore what shame tried to steal.
And may you go in the confidence that mercy is stronger than failure.
Amen.