Words of Reflection from the song *In the Light*

- DC Talk

I keep trying to find a life on my own apart from you I am the king of excuses I've got one for every selfish thing I do

Tell me what's going on inside of me I despise my own behavior This only serves to confirm my suspicions that I'm still a man in need of a Savior

I wanna be in the Light
as You are in the Light
I wanna shine like the stars
in the Heavens
Oh, Lord be my light
and be my Salvation
'cause all I want is to be in the Light

This disease of self runs through my blood It's a cancer fatal to my soul Every attempt on my behalf has failed to bring this sickness under control

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time November 9, 2025 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Lou Gonzalez.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

One: The Lord has made known his victory; do not be quickly shaken or alarmed.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

One: Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

One: And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and, through grace, gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

All: "Take courage, all you people, for I am with you," says the Lord.

*Opening Hymn Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

*Sung Response This Little Light of Mine Song sheet

First Scripture Reading Psalm 27:1-5

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem The Lord Is My Light! - John Carter

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Haggai 1:15b-2:9*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message Shining Our Light Rev. Jess Rigel

Words of Reflection See back page

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing.

Offertory

*** Doxology** Praise God, Song sheet from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

* **Sending Hymn** How Firm a Foundation Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.

If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time, November 9: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 17:1-9,
Psalm 98, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Job 19:23-27a;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

Lectionary Year C, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 16: Isaiah 12, Isaiah 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a;
Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.