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Worship Service

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Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 27th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

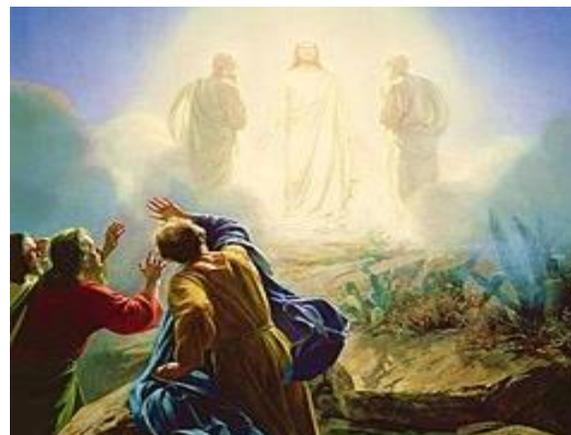
Moment of Silent Reflection:

Detachment is experiencing our feelings without allowing them to control us. We step back and look at things objectively. We let go and accept what we cannot change. We detach from others' choices, knowing that their spiritual work is not ours to do. We choose how we will act rather than just reacting. We step away from harmful cravings. Detachment is a deep breath of peace and patience in response to unexpected anger. We can listen without losing ourselves. With detachment, we see our mistakes honestly, make amends and start afresh. Detachment allows us to be in the world but not of it. It frees us to lead our lives with grace. (The Virtues Project)

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Praising God

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Lowell Mason
arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

It is sometimes difficult to leave our valleys of comfort, but Jesus calls us to the mountaintop, to sacred places to receive a new vision.

Let us come to the mountain and see God's glory. As we gather, we can see God and ourselves through new eyes.

With amazement and compassion we say, "God is here, God is here, God is here."

May our lives be transformed as we are moved by the power of God's love in our lives.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Creator God, today we remember how You revealed Yourself in radiance on a mountaintop to Moses, Jesus and the disciples. Holy One, shine Your face upon us this day. Enfold us in Your love and draw us into Your presence. Touch us with Holy Mystery so that we may be made radiant through our time with You. Amen.

Hymn (264) “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
vs.1,2,4

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Prayer for Grace (together)

God of transfiguration, we long for mountaintop encounters where Your presence is dazzlingly obvious and Your Will for us is clear and certain. Yet much of the time we feel we are muddling through the uncertainties of life. Illuminate our path with Your radiant, reassuring presence. Teach us the secret of Moses and Jesus, who knew how to carry Your presence with them into all of life. Help us reveal Your Spirit to those around us. Amen.

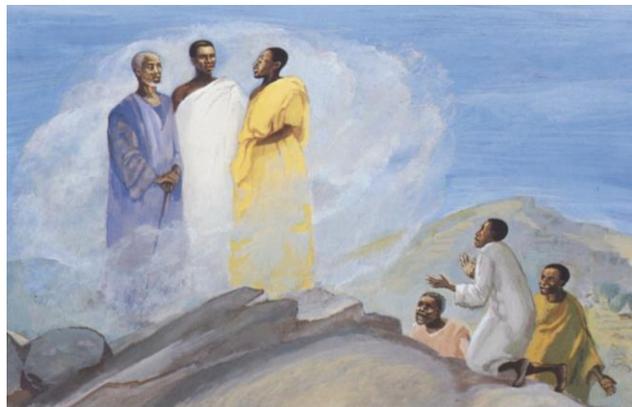
Sung Assurance (371) “Open My Eyes, ...” vs.1,2

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Listening for God’s Word

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 34:29-35 J. Brooker
(Moses shines coming down the mountain.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36 J. Brooker
(Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain.)



Solo "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
C. Wesley/R. Prichard
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Mountaintop Experiences" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (413) "O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"
vs. 1,2,4

- 1 O splendour of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O light of life, light's living spring,
true day, all days illumining:
- 2 come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
pour down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.
- 4 O Christ, with each returning morn
your image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever see anew
our Saviour and our God in you!

Responding to God

Minute for Mission K. Shikaze

Hymn (104) "We Have Come at Christ's
Own Bidding" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.
- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By Your grace, give us hope
By Your power, give us strength
By Your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where you lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Blessing (606) "In Christ There Is..." vs.1&2

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Postlude "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
Johann G. Werner, arr. C. Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope you found the
worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai and J. Brooker for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thank you to J. Brooker for reading our scripture
lessons. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar,

and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their
music.

Today Sunday, February 27th, Transfiguration
Sunday.

Sunday, March 6th, First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 13th, Second Sunday of Lent.

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March
13th, 2022**, at **1p.m.** on Zoom audio/video.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your
prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and
healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer
confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need
of God's healing love, support and compassion in
their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close
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R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in for our service next Sunday.



Mount of Transfiguration