

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*Welcome as we gather for festive worship,
imagining what it would be like to see Jesus transfigured before us.
This is an early glimpse of Easter, before the road to the cross.*

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*With Peter, James and John, I pray to catch sight of your glory today, Jesus.
Open my heart. Amen. “*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #60 - “May Jesus Christ Be Praised”*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Open our eyes today, O Lord, and let us see what you see.

OPEN OUR EYES TODAY, O LORD, AND TEACH US TO SEE THE WAY YOU SEE.

Open our minds today, O Lord, and let us know truth as you know truth.

**OPEN OUR MINDS TODAY, O LORD, AND TEACH US TO THINK THE WAY YOU
THINK.**

Open our hearts today, O Lord, and allow us to love as you love.

OPEN OUR HEARTS TODAY, O LORD, AND TEACH US TO LOVE.

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

WE ARE GUILTY, O LORD, OF PLACING TOO MUCH TRUST IN OUR OWN VIEWPOINT. IN FACT, OCCASIONALLY, WE BECOME ABSOLUTELY RIGID IN OUR THINKING - SO SURE WE ARE RIGHT THAT WE WILL NOT EVEN BEGIN TO HEAR ANOTHER SIDE. HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THAT FAITH, TRUE FAITH, IS NOT IDEOLOGY, BUT RATHER INTEGRITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. IT IS NOT SAYING THE RIGHT WORDS OR BELIEVING THE RIGHT CREEDS THAT YOU DESIRE - IT IS LEARNING TO LIVE THE WAY YOU WANT US TO LIVE. IT IS NOT ABOUT COERCING YOU TO DO WHAT WE WANT BY JUMPNG THROUGH THEOLOGICAL OR RITUAL HOOPS - IT IS ABOUT TRANSLATING THEOLOGY INTO ETHICS AND RITUAL INTO ENCOUNTER.

FREE US, O LORD, FROM THE TRAP OF OUR OWN CONFESSIONS OF FAITH. FREE US FROM THE BOUNDS OF A THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE THAT MAY HAVE MORE TO DO WITH CULTURAL VALUES THAN IT DOES WITH YOUR HEART AND HOPE. FREE US, O LORD, FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU MAY DO SOMETHING NEW AND UNEXPECTED IN THE WORLD. ONLY IF WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION WILL WE BE ABLE TO SE IT WHEN IT HAPPENS. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #63 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

Epiphany Theme: "Epiphany Reveals Who Christ Jesus Is!"

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 (v.12-14,16-18)

Matthew 17:1-9 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9)

Sermon- "Epiphany Reveals Who Christ Jesus Is: God's Transfigured Beloved Son and the Glory of God!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #58 - "Fairest Lord Jesus"*

Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Tuesday:	6:45 PM	Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey * Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Carol Cintron * Terry Mahon * Premature twins * Sofia * Elder Ron Rivera * Denise Reidy * Lily *

Kathy Cortese * Heather * Carole Mahon * Pat * Francesca * Mike * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank

Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of

Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd &

Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay

Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery &

Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Di-

ante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Stephanie

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and

the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and

the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The Presi-

dent and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide

conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Mrs. Roddy * Patricia Sullivan * Elder Alistair Sealy *

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Consistory meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,

May Jesus Christ Be Praised — 60

German hymn
Trans. by Edward Caswall

JOSEPH BARNBY

1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
3. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss The love - liest strain is this:
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
May Je - sus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark - ness fear
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Thru all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!*

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

WORSHIP: THE SON

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

63 — Praise Him! Praise Him!

FANNY J. CROSBY

CHESTER G. ALLEN

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! For our
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n-ly

earth—His won-der-ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-
 sins He suf-ered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e-
 por - tals loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for

an - gels in glo - ry, Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!
 ter - nal sal - va - tion, Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 ev - er and ev - er, Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd Je - sus will guard His chil - dren— In His arms He
 Sound His prais - es— Je - sus who bore our sor - rows— Love un - bound-ed,
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious— Pow'r and glo - ry

REFRAIN

car - ries them all day long:
 won - der - ful, deep and strong: Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His
 un - to the Lord be - long:

ex - cel - lent great - ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

Exodus 24: 12-18 (vv. 12-14, 16-18)

Matthew 17: 1-9 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9)

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I^[a] will make three dwellings^[b] here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved;^[c] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

58 — Fairest Lord Jesus

Münster Gesangbuch

4th vs. trans. by Joseph A. Seiss

Schlesische Volkslieder

Adapted by Richard S. Willis

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Rul - er of all na - ture!
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou my soul's glo - ry, joy and crown!
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 Praise, ad - o - ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!*

Tune: CRUSADERS' HYMN