

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 27, 2022

Piano Prelude: Valse in Ab major

Chopin

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus is on the mountain with some of his closest followers. Others are also there. At one point a great cloud overshadows them and they hear a voice which says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

(Luke 9:45)

**We gather for worship in order to hear God speaking through the being and witness of Jesus.**

We gather for worship even as we are busy people. We take the time to listen, to be present, to open our hearts and to pay attention with our minds.

**We gather because we believe transformation is a life-long journey.**

We gather because we want to give time and space for the spiritual in our life journeys.

**Let us worship God together!**

Hymn: We have come at Christ's own bidding

No. 187

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;  
splendor 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

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Presentation to Joanne Nasmith

Special Music: "Armour Heights"

words and music by Jim Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Exodus 34: 29-35; Luke 9: 28-36

Exodus 34: 29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with God, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with God. Amen.

Luke 9: 28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. Amen.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:                   THE PURPOSE OF LIFE, THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH                   Dr. Harris

Special Music: "Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake"                   Richard Farrant

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "Lord, the light of your love is shining" (Shine, Jesus shine)                   No. 376

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow;  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!**

2. Lord, I come  
to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by your blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. **(Refrain)**

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata in C

Bruce Nasmith