

And a voice
came out of the cloud,
saying,
"This is my Son,
my Chosen One;
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35, ESV

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's mountain.

All: For the Lord our God is holy, full of compassion and grace.

L: When God's prophets cried out, God answered them, speaking in a pillar of cloud.

All: Let all God's people sing praises to God's great and awesome name.

L: Mighty God, lover of justice, you establish equity throughout the earth.

All: Let us worship at God's holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance,

All: we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.

P: While we want a world of justice and peace,

All: we walk in the clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness.

P: Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,

All: we cower back, unable to bear the light of God.

Time of silent reflection . . .

P: In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is forgiven.

All: Amen

HYMN . . . “How Good, Lord, to Be Here” vs. 1, 2, 5

Text: Joseph A. Robinson - Tune: W. Mercer - Cranberry Book #315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here! your beau - ty to be - hold
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

GREETING

P: The one transfigured is in our midst.

All: Christ is clothed with power and might.

P: The one who is our light and our salvation calls.

All: Christ reveals God's truth and light.

P: The one who is God's Son is revealed in glory.

All: Christ is the very image of God.

P: The one who unveils the gospel leads us forth.

All: We will not shut out the lessons he teaches.

A TRANSFIGURATION LITANY

L: O Lord, you take us to the mountaintop, but we are dizzied by the height.

All: You would show us who you are, but we are blinded by the brilliance of your garment.

L: You would have us know the importance of the present, but we are visited by prophets wearing mantles of the past.

All: You would teach us how to build your kingdom, but we are content merely to erect your shelter.

L: You would make clear your will for us, but we are overshadowed by a cloud.

All: You would speak to us and make things plain, but we are amazed by another voice rumbling from heaven.

L: O Lord, at your baptism the sun shone like your garment does now, and the prophet John laid his hands on your head. At your baptism something new was beginning, but we did not know what it was; something new was being said, but we could not hear the voice.

All: But now we hear, and the voice is saying, “This is my beloved Son; to this one you shall listen.”

L: And though we still question in our hearts what this meant,

All: We will follow you.

L: And though we descend the mountain fearing what mystery lies ahead,

All: We will trust your promise of always being with us.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



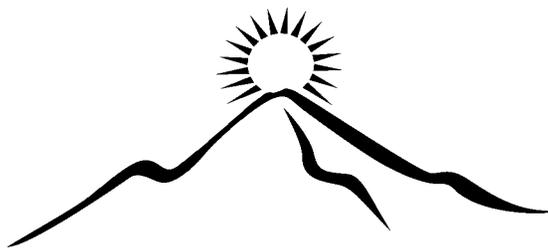
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

All: Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Go Up to the Mountain of God”

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

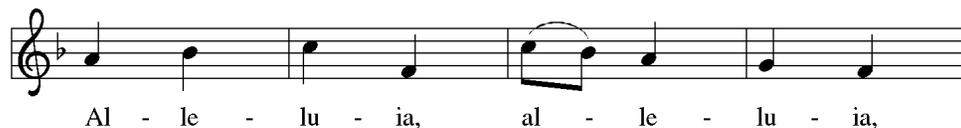
Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to the ninth chapter of Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY . . . "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair" vs. 1-3

Text: Sarum - Tune: English ballad – Cranberry Book #316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Be Seated

A CHURCH WITH AN OPEN FUTURE . . . Pastor Tim

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS JUNE WASHBURN AND CODY MOYER

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for June and Cody, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and

ministry of this congregation. In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Cody and June, as you desire to make public affirmation as a sign of your renewal and participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ, I ask you the following question:

Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for June and Cody in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Dear God, we give you thanks for Cody and June whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we welcome into this household of faith.

All: Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread, the prayers, and in service to others.

L: Now let us stand as we together affirm the love and grace of God our creator.

Please Stand

AFFIRMATION

P: We believe in God's power within and around us – that we experience in many ways – that empowers and heals – that calls us forth.

All: We believe in our creativity.

L: Making and transforming beauty out of words and notes, images and colors, lines and pictures – and silence.

All: We believe in doing justice.

P: Justice that compels and empowers us to risk whatever we must risk to create a climate in which all people can be who they are.

All: We believe in our dreams.

L: We experience the world as it is – in both its ugliness and beauty – and we see what it can become.

All: We believe in making peace.

P: A peace that is based on openness, honesty and compassion.

All: We believe in hope.

L: We expect changes to continue to occur in our world. We rely on our courage to continue to bring about these changes.

All: We believe in love.

P: A passionate love within and around us that laughs and cries, challenges and comforts, a healing love that perseveres.

All: We believe in potential.

L: We know who we are – painful as that can be at times – yet we continue to call each other to become more of who we are.

All: We believe in celebrating.

P: We remember and commemorate. We create rituals. We play and dance and sing and love well.

All: We believe in our diversity.

L: We affirm our many shapes and sizes, colors and traditions, emotions and thoughts, differences and similarities.

All: We believe in life.

P: Life that wells up within and flows out of us like a streaming fountain.

All: We believe that we are good and holy – a sacred part of all creation.

WELCOME

Council President: Let us welcome Cody and June to this community of faith.

All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Be Seated

PRESENTATION OF RIC CERTIFICATE

P: We are many, but we are one as well.

All: We come from scattered places and diverse life experiences,

L: but today in this place we share a common vision as people who seek new life,

All: who seek God's guidance for ourselves, our congregations, and the larger church.

P: In this we are a united community, gathered at one great table to:

All: celebrate our joys, share our grief,

L: release our anger, examine our frustrations,

All: affirm our strengths,

P: and to acknowledge our common destiny.

All: The joy of being together leads us to praise God for life and for our lives together. Let us praise God!

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Named and claimed by God, we are called to embody God's love and presence in the world.

All: Our offering will enable this church to be the voice that speaks love, that speaks challenge, and that speaks grace to a world that so desperately needs to hear this radical, transforming message.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards -Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry- Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: All that we are, all that we will become, and all that we have is from you.

All: As we present these gifts, we do so responding to your voice - a voice that calls us beloved, and precious, and honored.

L: We give you our very lives, and our complete love,

All: as we promise to be the people you created us to be. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church,

the world, and all people in need. For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

*P: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.*

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth and death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on Earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel. Word of God incarnate, power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

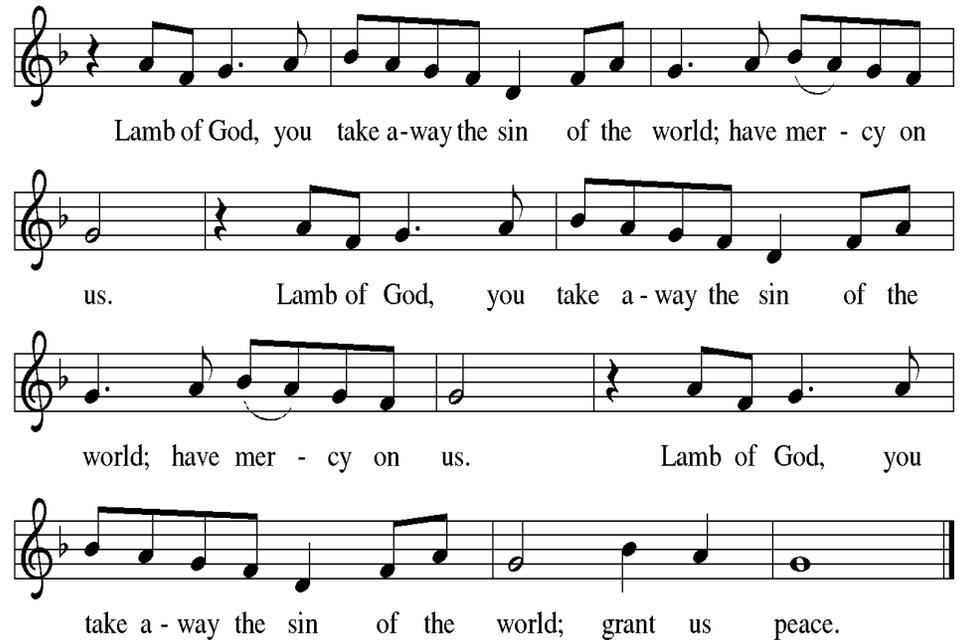
P: Come to the joyful meal of the God of Light, who welcomes all.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the narthex during communion.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Be Thou My Vision”

Text: Irish, 8th cent. - Tune: Irish traditional - Cranberry Book #793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Beautiful Savior”

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster - Tune: Silesian folk tune - Cranberry Book #838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated



Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: *Go forth with the courage to climb the mountain of God.*

All: **We will walk in the light and truth of Christ.**

P: *Go forth with ears to hear the voice of God.*

All: **We will hear the call to follow Jesus.**

P: *Go forth to live as people who shine with Christ's glory.*

All: **We will leave footprints of light as we walk.**

P: *Go forth in expectation and hope,*

All: **for God goes with us!**

SENDING SONG . . . "Shine, Jesus, Shine" vs. 1

Text & Tune: Graham Kendrick - Cranberry Book #671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!
Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the light of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to the
**Annual Congregational
Meeting**
in Holland Hall.

