

TRANSFIGURATION



AND



BOLD WOMEN SUNDAY

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Today we celebrate two important occasions. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. It is also Bold Women's Day, observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February, which celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold?

GATHERING

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 . . . Myrna Emata Diaz

WELCOME

Please Stand



CALL TO WORSHIP . . . *by Joanna Harader*

L: The mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes,

All: the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandments etched in stone.

L: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny –
in a place we can go,

All: a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch.

L: Sometimes there is the veil,

All: the overshadowing, terrifying cloud,

L: the questions, the appearing and disappearing,

All: the excitement, the wondering, the silence.

L: Sometimes God shows up

All: in ways we cannot deny.

L: Always God shows up somehow.

All: So we have shown up here, now. May God give us eyes to see.

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.

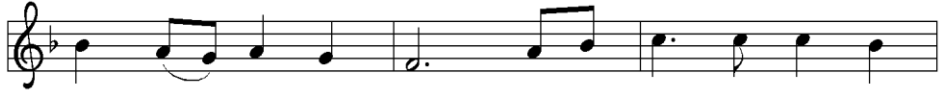
ENTRANCE HYMN . . . “All Are Welcome” vs. 1,5



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim from floor to raf - ter: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

GREETING . . . “In this Place” by Rev. Gord Waldie

P: God, you bring us together in this place,

All: we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek
understanding.

P: God, you challenge us in this place,

All: we embrace the challenge, trusting that through
challenge we grow in faith.

P: God, you are revealed in this place,

All: sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and
struggle.

P: God as we worship in this place,

All: refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness.

P: We pray in Jesus' name,

All: as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen

LITANY OF BOLDNESS

P: Creator, we give thanks for the witness of bold women. In early times, today and into the future, bold women show us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation. We live into our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures. Together, we say:

All: Thank you, God!

L: O God of our ancestors, we remember the bold witness of our foremothers who paved the way for all women, lay and ordained.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

P: Mothering God, who breathes life into us all, we raise before you the bold women among us today.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For those who pray, for those who parent, for those who study, for those who advocate,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

P: For those who laugh, for those who share, for those who extend hospitality, for those who smile,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

L: O Gracious One, forgive us when we are too timid to live up to the boldness you have placed within us.

All: We pray to you, O God.

P: O Gracious One, enable us to recognize, honor and support the boldness you have placed within others.

All: We pray to you, O God.

L: O God of infinite possibility, grant to us all the opportunity to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

All: Hear our prayer.

P: O God of abundant life, grant to us all emotional, physical and spiritual wholeness so that we might best serve others in your name.

All: Hear our prayer.

L: O God of strength, give us courage, hope and open hearts, that we might experience expanding possibilities and grow through change.

All: Hear our prayer.

L: Each of us has been surrounded by bold women on our way, if only we look for them. For whom do you thank God today? Name her aloud and let us thank God for her witness.

Here members of the congregation may speak the names of bold women out loud.

L: Together, we say:

All: Thank you, God!

P: Thank you, God, for the witness of all bold women yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We praise you for their witness to your love and mercy.

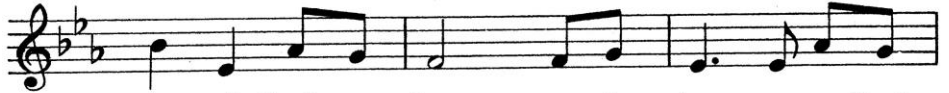
All: Strengthen us to live out our baptismal call to serve you and our neighbor with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength. Thank you, God! Alleluia, Amen.



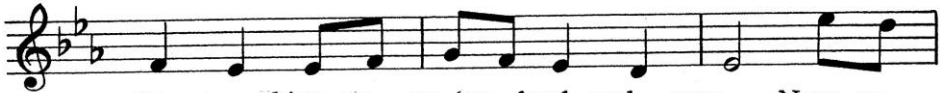
HYMN OF MORNING PRAISE



All: 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



sto - ry shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



we to - ge - ther wor - ship, we shall raise our songs to
fills the day with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____

SHINE ON!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy One, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain,

All: and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.

L: Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret,

All: with fatigue, with illness,

L: with despair for all in the world

All: that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

L: We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying...

All: breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping.

L: Lead us Creator, to the top of that mountain,

All: where we might be dazzled by your Light,

L: lifted by what is Divine,

All: filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

L: We pray this, for ourselves, for one another,

All: and for the worlds in which we live. Amen.

Be Seated

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Mighty God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud as they walked together in the wilderness.

All: Speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear you calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places you have promised to show us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Reader: The reading for today is from Second Corinthians, chapter three, beginning with the twelfth verse.

READING . . . 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader: Word of God, word of light.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand



TRANSFIGURATION
— S U N D A Y —

ALLELUIA VERSE

All:

My — soul pro - claims your
great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
you, You have looked with love on your
fine last time
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter nine,
beginning with the twenty-eighth verse.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL . . . *Luke 9:28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 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. 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 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.

P: The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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



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.

Be Seated

MEAL

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC . . . *Myrna Emata Diaz*

Please Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of Light, when we become complacent and fail to see the wonder of your presence,

All: you bless us with your radiance and your love.

L: Illumine these gifts,

All: that the world may see your light shining in our gifts and our offerings.

L: Illumine our very lives,

All: that our souls may shine like Christ as he was transfigured upon the mountaintop. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God of Generations, we celebrate the lives of the women who fought the good fight and stood up for the Gospel and the truth of Scripture, yesterday and today.
Strengthen our voice of proclamation. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Life, we give thanks for the bold women among us today who serve with a sense of holy purpose in their vocations as daughters, mothers, grandmothers, and sisters. Empower us by faith and bless our vocations at home and in the church. Inspire us to encourage one another in fellowship, laughter, hospitality and sharing. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we pray for the men throughout the ages who support and encourage women in their quest to use their God-given gifts for your purpose. Give us courage to work together as equals to proclaim your grace and hope. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our Greatest Friend, surround us with your love and affirmation through the kindness of others, be they friend or stranger, young or old. Give us eyes to see the love you lavish on all your people. Make us bold to speak your truth and act on behalf of your kingdom with courage and strength of purpose. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Understanding, give us courage to stand up for the abused, the needy, the sick, the poor and the stranger. We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, that you might bring healing and comfort. Inspire us to be your hands to provide for those in need as we are able. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Holy God of the Universe, throughout history you have given us the courage to form and re-form your church against all odds and into pathways as yet unknown. By your Spirit and in unexpected ways, you have brought us to this place in the circle of your love. Guide our ways that we may grow in faith and hope.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

L: All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.

All: With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.

L: With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.

All: With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.

L: Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.

All: Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.

L: Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.

All: One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

P: With Mary, we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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 for the 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.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of 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

Holy Communion is open to all.

Come forward up the center aisle to receive the individually packaged elements from Pastor Tim, then return to your seat down the side aisles before opening them. Separate and remove the clear top seal to access the wafer, then remove the foil layer to access the grape juice. The ushers will come around to collect the empties.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “For All the Faithful Women”



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision
Fair”**



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 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
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 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.”
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

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 Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

FINAL BLESSING

P: In the coming week, may you experience the presence of God with joy. May the holy cloud comfort you. May the divine voice encourage you.

All: May the power of the Spirit transform us, and transform our world. Amen.

SENDING HYMN . . . “We All Are One in Mission” vs. 1,3



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

SENDING

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

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE . . . Myrna Emata Diaz

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