



*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

With loving hearts and open minds, we come into God's presence.

With God's open heart and glorious presence, God welcomes us with love.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Ode to Joy" Bell Choir
by Ludwig van Beethoven

***Call to Worship** Chris Prause

Listen, for God is still speaking.

Look, for God is still present.

Worship, for God is in our midst.

***Opening Prayer**

God of glory, grace us with your presence.

Overwhelm us with your love.

Guide us with your wisdom and fill us with your Holy Spirit, as we worship and praise you this day.

***Hymn of Praise** "Shine Jesus Shine" TFWS#2173

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Patty Dayton

Children's Message Patty Dayton

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Chris Prause

Mighty and glorious God,

even as we tremble in your presence, we rejoice in your willingness to live among and within us.

Forgive us when we act as if we can separate ourselves from your powerful presence.

Forgive us when we hide ourselves from you, forgetting that in you, nothing is hidden.

Lift our eyes to see your glory.

Lift our hearts to receive your grace.

Lift our lives to reflect the mountain of your love, that we may shine for all to see.

In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance Patty Dayton

Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision" UMH#461

Scripture Reading Exodus 24:12-18 Chris Prause

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

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 17:1-9 Chris Prause

The Transfiguration

17 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 bright as light. **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 set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;[^a] 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 raised their eyes, 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."

Reflecting on God's Message "The One Thing Constant is Change." Patty Dayton

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering Patty Dayton

Offertory anthem "Let Freedom Ring" Chancel Choir
arr. Robert W. Thygerson

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Offering Prayer Patty Dayton
Embolden us, Mighty God, to give us fully as we have received.
Multiply the gifts we return to you now, that they may empower the lives of many with your glory and your grace.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "Praise to the Lord" UMH#139

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.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter



*Transfiguration of Christ, from Art in the Christian Tradition

Transfiguration Sunday

2.19.2023 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

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