

Welcome to worship on this Transfiguration Sunday! It is also Valentine’s Day, and we celebrate love in its fullest form when we know God. We come to worship our Lord who revealed his glory on the mountain to his disciples. As we worship today, may his light shine on us and through us! May all who worship experience God’s blessings!

Order of Worship

Prelude: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” . . . . arr. Rodney Abriol  
..... Dan Chien, Pianist

Introit: “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple”

(Please allow this time to be a time of preparation for worship)

Call to Worship . . . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra

Great is the Lord—

**exalted among the nations.**

Mighty is the Lord—

**King of heaven and earth.**

Holy is the Lord—

**beyond our understanding.**

Let us worship our God and King!

Prayer of Invocation

Lord Jesus Christ, on the mountaintop Peter, James, and John looked upon the majesty of your glory, and from the mystery of a cloud they heard a voice declaring you to be God’s Son.

Though we do not live on mountaintops, grant that we too may glimpse your glory.

In the mundane predictability of our life, may there be moments when sight gives way to insight and the paths of earth become the road to heaven. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of compassion,  
in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light,  
yet we continue to live in darkness.**

**Preoccupied with ourselves,  
we fail to see your work in the world.**

**We speak when we should listen;  
we act when we should reflect.**

**Empower us to live in your light  
and to walk in your ways  
for the sake of him who is the light of the world...**

(silent prayer)...through Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon —based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV

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.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!  
Praise be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ.

Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. **Amen.**

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: “Face to Face with God”

Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision” . . . . . arr. John Leavitt

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Prayer of Intercession

The Word of God calls us to see that all the places and occasions of the world, even places of sorrow and death, are transfigured by the presence of the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Let us now call to mind all who are in any need and commend them to God's transforming care, saying,

“O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**”

For those who are alone, for widows and widowers and orphans, and for the divorced,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the imprisoned, for those whose only home is the streets, and for those caught in addiction,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry, for those who cannot feed their children, and for the unemployed,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For refugees, for victims of warfare, and for those held in poverty by racial discrimination,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of our nation, our city, and our community,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For artists and writers and for all who think on the edge of society,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For preachers and teachers of the light-bearing Word of Christ,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church and its leaders, formed by the life-giving Word of Christ,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, feeding on the Word of Christ,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

With Moses and Elijah and all the people of God, with the church throughout the ages bearing witness to the great light of God shining in dark places, we commend to you all for whom we pray,

O merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Prayer & Benediction

O God, before the passion of your one and only Son you revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:

Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Postlude: “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” . . . . . arr. John Carter