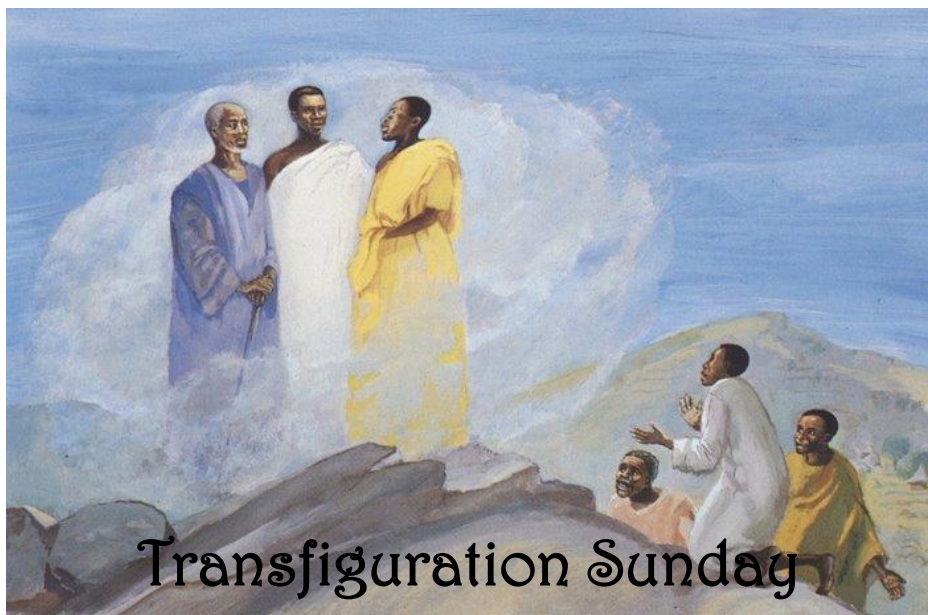


ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

February 27, 2022



Transfiguration Sunday

Title: *Transfiguration*

Notes: *JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.*

Artist: *JESUS MAFA*

Black History Month

***Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an
Affirming and Inclusive community***

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We gather in faith as a Christ-infused church

(Welcome to worship today. Whether you are worshipping with us today for the first time or you have been here for longer than you can remember, you are welcome to be here and to participate however you feel comfortable. Regardless of your age, stage, gender, sexual identity, or how great or small you feel your faith is we each bring something of ourselves to this sacred space. God welcomes each of us to worship.)

SEED OF MEDITATION

"It takes courage to look in the mirror and see past your reflection to who you really are when you take off the mask, when you're not performing the same old routines and social roles. It takes courage to ask – how did I become so well adjusted to injustice?"

-Dr Cornel West

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on 'Resignation'* *Kola Owolabi*
(this hymn tune can be found on p.780 of Voices United)

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

The mountain top
the shining face
the glowing clothes
the voice of God speaking from the cloud
the commandments etched in stone

**Sometimes God shows up
in ways we cannot deny
in a place we can go
a light we can see
a voice we can hear
a stone we can touch**

Sometimes

Sometimes
there is the veil
the overshadowing, terrifying cloud
the questions
the appearing and disappearing
the excitement
the wondering
the silence

**Sometimes God shows up
in ways we cannot deny.**

Always God shows up
somehow.

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

OPENING PRAYER

Rowdy and Wild One, when we want to wrangle you in or fold you neatly into our worldview, expand our hearts to hold the breadth of your Creative Love. Companion us as we soften towards surprise and discomfort that, together, we might embrace the Kin-dom of God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Sheperd* VU #210

1 *You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd.
 You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
 of the way you took and gave.
 You, the everlasting instant;
 you, whom we both scorn and crave.*

- 2 *Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss.
You, the everlasting instant;
you who are both gift and cost.*
- 3 *You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.*
- 4 *Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TEACHING

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36;

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

VU #368

- 1 *Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God and inward light,
wake my Spirit, clear my sight.*
- 2 *Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire,
purify me with your fire.*
- 3 *Holy Spirit, power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine.
Boldly may I always live,
bravely serve, and gladly give.*

- 4 *Holy Spirit, law divine,
reign within this soul of mine.
Be my law, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.*
- 5 *Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
grant me your tranquillity.*
- 6 *Holy Spirit, joy divine,
gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing;
spring, O living water, spring!*

REFLECTION

ANTHEM *Wade in the Water* *Traditional Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes*

OFFERTORY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN *We Come Now to Your Table Lord (x2) MV #192*

*We come now to your table
Lord, you are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed:
And now may every soul
be fed with Living Bread*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Community of saints,
beloveds of God,
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,
to feast on the dreams of God,
to be nourished by but a taste of what God desires to do among us.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

To the Holy One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Black lives matter to you, Creator and always have.

Black lives matter.

Black non-binary lives matter.

Black male lives matter.

Black female lives matter.

Black trans lives matter.

Black gay lives matter.

Black uneducated as well as educated lives matter.

Black poor as well as rich lives matter.

Black homeless lives matter.

Black Christians and non-Christians matter.

Black lives with disabilities matter.

Black immigrants and refugees matter.

Black children matter.

Black teens matter.

Their lives are sacred.

Their lives are valuable.

Their lives are precious.

Their lives are important.

Their lives are necessary.

Their lives are integral to Your magnificent beloved family.

So we join with them and all the others who are just as sacred, valuable, precious, important, necessary and integral to Your plan of salvation to sing Your praises.

We join with all the angels and archangels, the great choir of saints and ancestors before you in heaven, from every nation, from every culture, who speak every language, worshipping endlessly before you singing:



Agnus" by Konstantin Korobov, 2022.

COMMUNION SETTING "D"

VU p. 941

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes to the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, and so is your presence with us in Jesus Christ.

Jesus was not white.

Jesus did not speak English.

Jesus was not a Christian.

Jesus lived as the citizen of an occupied nation.

Jesus was part of an oppressed people.

Jesus was a refugee who found protection on the Continent of Africa.
Jesus experienced mob violence.
Jesus experienced police brutality.
Jesus was lynched and died.

While he lived, Jesus gave up his own divine privilege
and chose to live a life of service as a healer and teacher.
These acts defined his greatness
and define our discipleship.

Giving up his own divine privilege,
Jesus took the bread used as a call to compassion for the oppressed.
Gave thanks for it, broke it and shared it with the whole community,
saying:
“Take and eat, this is my body broken and given freely for you.”
Let us remember how this act defined his greatness and defines our
discipleship.

Giving up his own divine privilege,
Jesus took the cup used as a call to hope for Divine deliverance.
Gave thanks for it, and shared it with the whole community, saying:
“Drink from my cup, each of you;
this is my blood that I shed to testify to God’s eternal covenant,
poured out for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Let us remember now how this act defined his greatness and defines
our discipleship.

Christ’s life mattered.
Christ’s abuse by religious authorities mattered.
Christ’s unjust execution mattered.
Christ’s resurrection mattered.
And so do our lives matter, and so we choose to express the value of
our lives by following Christ and choosing to live according to this
divine mystery, we now declare:

Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.

Life, Meaning, Giver of Sacred Worth,
Pour out your spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine
to become for us the body and blood of Christ,
the Holy Reason our lives matter.

Life, Meaning, Giver of Sacred Worth,
cause the gift of our lives
to become for our neighbours, and may we glimpse your face when we
see the Other.
Realising, at last, there is no other, only you.

Life, Meaning, Giver of Sacred Worth,
touch the lives of any who feel that their lives don't matter;
who feel they are not valued,
who are treated with disrespect
and fear that their precious lives will be thrown away.
Change us, so others might have hope.
Change us, so the Other might be valued.
Change us, so that no one will have to stand before their oppressors
alone.

Change us, so Christ's life will matter.
Change us, so the Holy Spirit's life will matter.
Change us, so our Creator's life will matter,
and that we might more fully give Them the honour, glory, and praise,
due Their holy name, today, tomorrow, and always.

Amen.

Now as those who recognize the value of the children of God, let us
pray with Christ who walks this path with all of us.

**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 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, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

****Come now and taste the gifts of the table****

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

Samuel Webbe

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

And so we pray,

Thank you, Creator, for sharing with us this holy mystery found in Jesus Christ. It has changed us: the way we think, the way we feel, what we understand, how we desire to live, and the value we see in the lives of others whom we have harmed through our sin of racism.

Come Holy Spirit,
Breath of God,
Renewer of life,
settle on these gifts and all who gather here,
that we might be transformed in our remembrance
of your radical love,
your eternal embrace,
and your grace that makes all things new.

**For the sake of our shared lives,
the life of this land on which we live,
and the lives of those yet to come, may Your love become more visible in us,
nourish us and renew our hope
that soon Christ may rise again among us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSINGS AND COMMISSIONING

CLOSING HYMN *Siyahamba (We Are Marching)*

VU #646

1 We are marching in the light of God,
 we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
 we are marching in the light of God.
 (the light of God.)

*We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.*

2 *Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 (khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
 oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
 (khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
 oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Great Day"
Bruce Clark - Organ*

Adolphus Hailstork

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Music by Women's Ensemble

Accompanist: Garrett Krause

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