

**February 11, 2024 - Transfiguration of Our Lord
Traditional Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

Beautiful Savior

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!

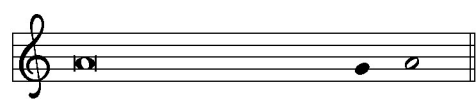
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

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!


Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Congregation responses are in bold print

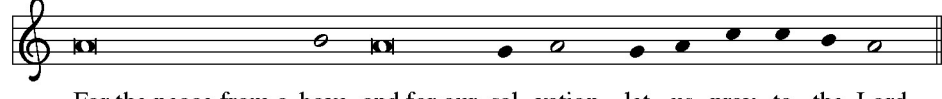
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.
And also with you.




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



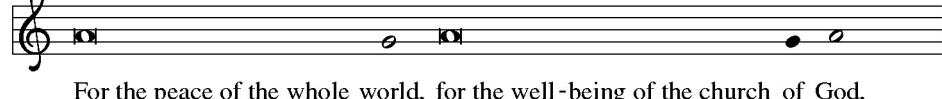
Lord, have mer - cy.



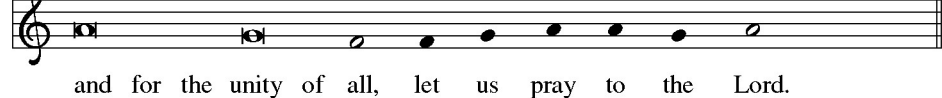
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



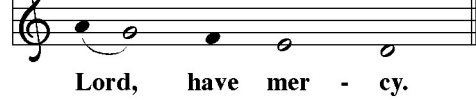
Lord, have mer - cy.



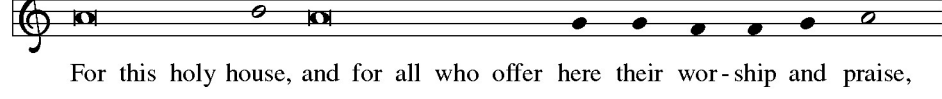
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



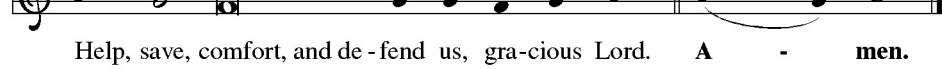
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister

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

All

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.

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.

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.

PM: Let us pray.

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

Please be seated

A reading from 2 Kings:
The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

(2 Kings 2:1-12, Pew Bible,
Old Testament, page 259)

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

Psalm 50:1-6
Paraphrased by Pastor William

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Our powerful and mighty God,
speaks and the sun rises,
speaks and the stars shine.
From God's city on the hill;
God's perfection glows.

Our God is not silent;
a super light-show and
whirlwind surround God.
God calls heaven and earth to order;
court is now in session.
"Bring in my trustworthy children,
their faith is in their actions."
The universe will attest;
this is one honorable judge!



A reading from 2 Corinthians:
The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

(2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Pew Bible, New Testament,
page 138)

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, in G major (one sharp). The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a quarter note E, a half note F, and a quarter note G.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, continuing the melody. It starts with a quarter note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F, a half note G, and ends with a whole note G.

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Please stand as you are able

The holy gospel according to St. Mark
Glory to you, O Lord

(Mark 9:2-9, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 34)

The reading concludes with:
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children’s Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

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pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

AM: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence for personal prayer

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all congregations and their ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ’s church, including the care of those in need.

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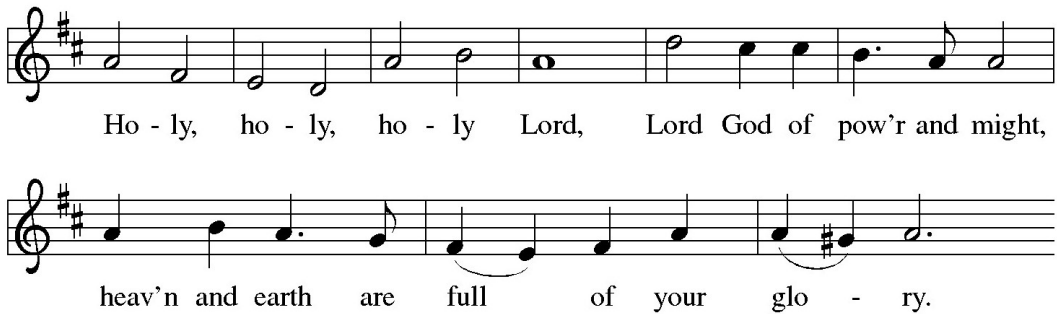
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

**in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please be seated

<p>The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.</p> <p>Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.</p> <p>Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.</p> <p>Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.</p>

Communion Music: *Christ be Our Light*

By: Donna Adkins

Please stand as you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

AM: Let us pray,
**Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life
by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
**Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to be-
come the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and or-
phans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick
and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in
our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son.
I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.**

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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AM: Go in Peace. You are God’s beloved.
Thanks be to God.

Please join in the coffee and donut social immediately following the Worship Service

Postlude: *Cortege*

By: Flor Peeters

Mark 9:2-9
Gospel Message from Pr. William

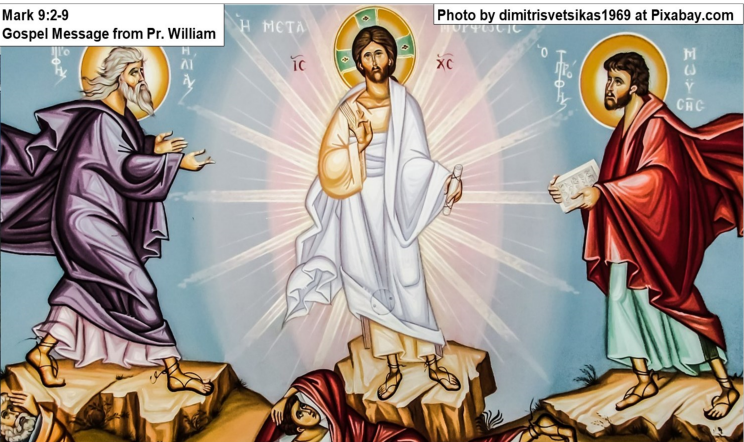



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Jesus goes up on a high mountain with some disciples and they encounter God. Just as happened at Jesus' baptism, God shows up claiming him as God's beloved Son. But this time, God adds; "listen to him!" What will it take for us to truly listen to Jesus? What must happen before we listen to him telling us to love all others as he first loved us? What must happen before we ask for his will to be done, instead of asking him to fulfill our will? What are we waiting for?

Mark 9:2-9
Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



Dwelling in a world created with love and entrusted to our care

Stewardship in the Gospel
As Jesus comes down the high mountain from his encounter with God, he orders his disciples to not tell anyone about it until after he is risen from the dead. Why wait until then, Jesus? Well, you see, Jesus first had to demonstrate God's total power; even power over death. That is stewardship; recognizing God's power over everything.

Stewardship in our Community
Too many people rely upon their own power to make things happen as they want. Too few people rely upon God's power to make things happen the way God wants. Even fewer people try to determine what God wants.

Stewardship in practice
Trust in God's power. Rely upon God's power. Identify one thing you are trying to control; then give it up to God. Pray for wisdom to understand what God wants in that situation. Pray for strength and courage to be part of God's will be done in that situation.

NEW BIBLE STUDY
OPTIONS

THURSDAY'S BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

7AM - SAMANTHA'S 6326 MARKET AVE.
9AM - ZOOM BIBLE DISCUSSION
12PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY
5:30PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY

If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office to receive the weekly email.

The same material will be covered at each weekly session. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Please invite your friends and family.

Time to Register!



February 18
10am-2pm

Today’s Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: George Miller
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes & Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Brian Milek
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek
Flowers by: Mike & Jayne Schrader in loving memory of Lee & Edna Fischer

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Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach Chris Thompson
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