

Order of Worship Transformation of the Lord

March 2, 2025

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *"Immortal, Invisible* with Handel's *Water Music (Allegro Maestoso)"* arr. Ham

- **GREETING** This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- **INTROIT -** *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* (Faith Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured, and God said: This is my Beloved Son. As God spoke, calling light out of darkness, God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ. At the mountain of the Lord bow down, for the Lord our God is holy!

* OPENING HYMN - "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" - #193

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God!*

* GLORIA PATRI - "Glory to God" - #193

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM - *"Days of Elijah" -* Mark (Faith Choir)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Exodus 34:29-35

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 9:28-36

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Listen to Him"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" - arr. Broughton

*DOXOLOGY - "Our God is an Awesome God" - #616 (sing twice)

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*CLOSING HYMN - "Shine, Jesus, Shine!" - #192

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE - #451 (verse 2) This is my beloved Son, HEAR HIM. Luke 9:35 Open my <u>ears</u>, that I may <u>hear g</u>limpses of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my <u>ears</u>; illumine me, Spirit divine!

*POSTLUDE - "Taccatina Festiva" - Fish

