



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio from Sonata 1
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

William Knapp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 50:1-3, 6

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*



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*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal UMH 881

***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

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. Amen.

ANTHEM

Be the Light of Christ

Wes Cameron

*What will you give to the Savior? To the One who gave all,
will you go in his name to spread the light of truth?
To the corners of the world, he has asked you to go.
Will you go in his name?*

*Be the light of Christ to the people of the world.
Be the light of Christ, spread the word among God's people.*

*Will you give help to the needy? Will you clothe and give them food?
Will you give in his name, as he has given to you?
Every gift is from above, and it comes to us from God.
Will you give in his name?*

***DOXOLOGY**

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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.

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Rev. Lawrence

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What do you proclaim?

Dr. Martin

***HYMN**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.*

Refrain:

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.*

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.*

*May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

Please remember in your prayers:

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Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Annelle Burch
Joe Byers

Richard Clayton
Kathie Cochran
Bob Garrett
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale

Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Lurlene Perry
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