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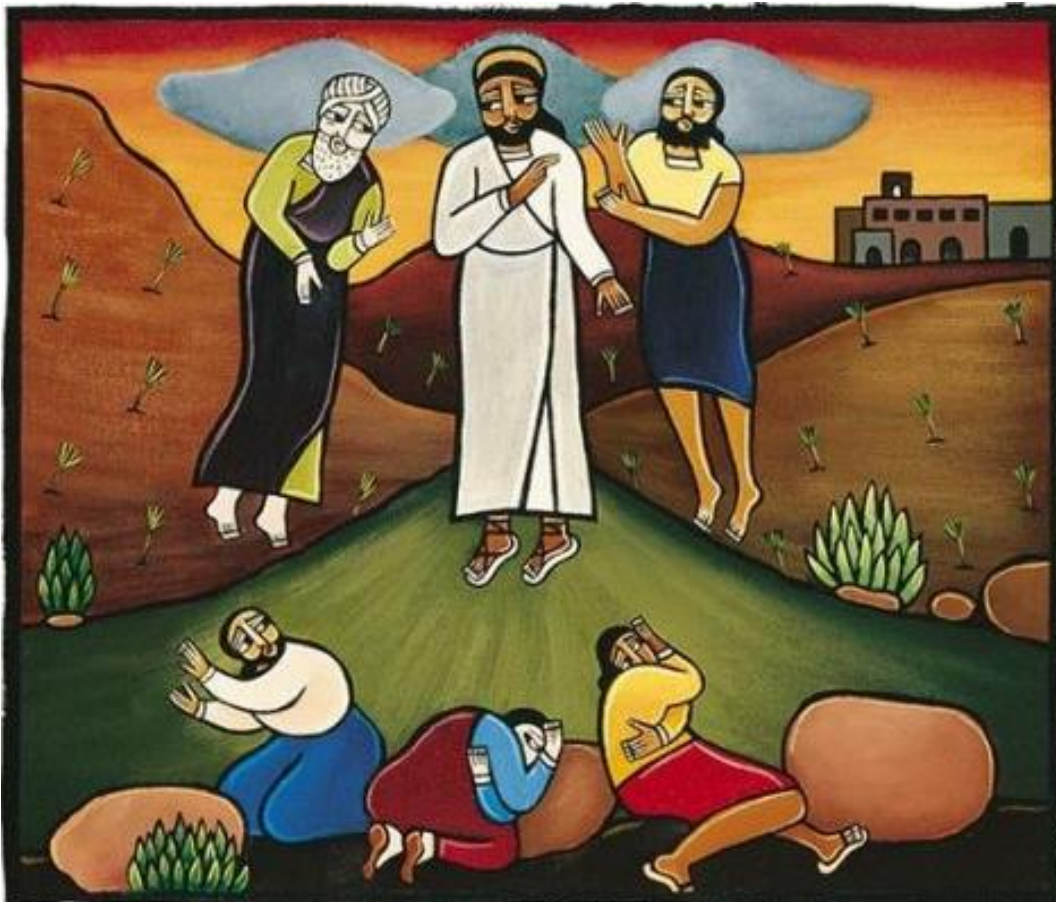
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## Transfiguration of Our Lord



Transfiguration by Laura James, USA

**February 14, 2021**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Christ, Be Our Light*, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Hymn

### Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938  
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954



**Gospel****Mark 8:31-9:9** (Common English Bible, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the glory of his Abba with the holy angels.” Then Jesus said, “I assure you that some standing here won’t die before they see God’s kingdom arrive in power.”

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Prayers growing out of the transfiguration story

God, in your son's transfiguration we see a whole reality within and beneath and beyond what we thought we understood; in their times of bewilderment and confusion, show my friend and her father your glory, that they may find a deeper truth to their life than they ever knew, make firmer friends than they ever had, discover reasons for living beyond what they'd ever imagined, and be folded into your grace like never before."

God, make my friend's trial and tragedy, her problem and pain, a glimpse of your glory, a window into your world, when she can see your face, sense the mystery in all things, and walk with angels and saints. Bring her closer to you in this crisis than she ever has been in calmer times. Make this a moment of truth, and when she cowers in fear and feels alone, touch her, raise her, and make her alive like never before.

From Samuel Wells, *A Nazareth Manifesto: Being With God*,  
Wiley Blackwell, 2015, p. 295.

**Ministry of Music*****Jesus Only***

Samuel Martin Miller  
Kathleen Zwanziger

*"And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only." Matt. 17:8*

Jesus only on the mountain, Jesus only on the sea,  
Jesus only in the valley, there in dark Gethsemane.  
Jesus only up to Calv'ry, Jesus only on the cross,  
Jesus only in all suff'ring, all things else are empty dross.

Jesus only in Life's evening, Jesus only gives me rest,  
Jesus only can support me, when the sun sinks in the west.  
Jesus only in the morning of that vast eternity,  
There revealed in glorious splendor, in the home He won for me.

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Barbara and David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Heidi Sherer's cousin Ann, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews, Andrea and Scott Steiner.

## **Children's Time**

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

### Sharing the Meal

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

**Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

## I've Got Peace Like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;

I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

Text: traditional  
Music: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, African American spiritual

Blessing

Amen.

## Announcements

### Postlude

***We Are Called***, arr. Mark Hayes

*'Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord.  
We are called to be light for the Kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God'*

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### Adult Sunday School 11:15 am Sundays



#### DEAR CHURCH:

**A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.**

This week discussing chapters 4-7

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 7, 2021 11:15 AM

Time: Sunday January 31, 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>

Meeting ID: 818 8878 2023; Passcode: 630107

Phone only: 646 876 9923



### Coffee and Conversation

Third Wednesday of the month

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83642944204?pwd=NXg3V1BBaVRsRzZvcnlUK2lGcE9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 4294 4204

Passcode: 919121

Phone only: 646 876 9923

Honest exploration of questions  
about faith and life



### The Book of Genesis

We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 9, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU50RmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

Passcode: 619946

Phone only: 646 876 9923

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Tori Reed
<b>Reader</b>	Shirley Cannon
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Producer</b>	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Kathleen Zwanziger**  
celebrating **Jeremy Hutton**'s birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 14 - 21

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	4:00 pm	ZOOM Mutual Ministry Team
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Congregation Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	ZOOM Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	LIVESTREAM Ash Wednesday Worship
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

