

February 15, 2025  
Transfiguration of the Lord



**Leading Worship Today:**

**Pastor:** Brian Entz

**Lay Leader:** Barb Janski

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

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All are invited to stand when there is an \**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy God, your knowledge of me exceeds what I grasp or see in any moment; you know me better than I know myself. Now, help me to trust in your mercy, to see myself in the light of your holiness, and grant me the grace that I may have true contrition, make an honest confession, and find in you forgiveness and perfect remission. Amen.*

*-from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*

GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

God reigns; let the people tremble;

**God is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**

God is great in Zion

**and is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome;

**God is the Holy One.**

\*OPENING HYMN

#191 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

**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 remain silent when we should speak. We confess that we act when we should wait, and hold back at the call to action.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms and our constraining fears. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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 and free!

**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

**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**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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 READING**

Exodus 24:12-18

**12** The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." **13** So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. **14** To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

**15** Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **16** The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. **18** Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

**16** For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” **18** We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

**19** So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, **21** because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN

#189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” **8** And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

**9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

*“Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.”  
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**\*DOXOLOGY**

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Westminster Confession of Faith

**The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Thanks and praise to you O God, creator of the universe and all that is within it.

We come to you in gratitude for this, another day of life in your beautiful creation.

We give you thanks for the call you have placed on our lives, for your grace made known in Jesus Christ, and for this family of faith into which you have adopted us. We celebrate the diversity of gifts that you have given us to share with one another, the whole of your Church, and the world.

In the silence of our hearts we lift to you now all for which we are grateful...

We give you thanks that when we call to you in prayer you do not leave our intercessions unheard. In recognition of this truth we pray for the needs of the church, the whole of humanity, and the world.

We pray for your Church, that we and all its members may be faithful disciples; living the way of Jesus; loving you with our whole selves and loving all our neighbors.

We pray for this earth; that it might be freed from the ravages of war, disease, and pollution. We pray for those devastated by fire, hurricane, earthquake, and all manner of disaster. We pray for those areas decimated by violence and warfare; especially we pray for Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Yemen, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We pray for those in positions of leadership across this nation and around the globe; may they lead with wisdom, justice, humility, and mercy, upholding the dignity of every person.

We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury. We pray also for the doctors, nurses, medical professionals, and caregivers seeking the healing and wellness of others. We pray for those in the midst of grief and sorrow. We ask for your healing and comforting presence to be made known to all in need. Especially we pray for.... Surround them with your peace.

We pray for those who struggle with faith, for those who feel their connection to you is lost, for those who search, but aren't sure where to look. Reveal yourself to them anew in Word and Spirit, and empower us to share your life giving love, the Good News of Jesus Christ, with all we encounter.

We pray for all who struggle for justice; devoting themselves to ending white supremacy, xenophobia, transphobia, and all systems of hate, fear, and oppression. We pray for our neighbors; immigrants and citizens alike, striving for a safe and just society. Encourage and empower us to seek justice for all people.

We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, who don't have a safe place to call home, who struggle to maintain the basic necessities of life. May all people have enough, even more than enough.

We pray for all that rests wearily on our hearts and minds...

Hear these prayers, O God of mercy, and strengthen us for all that is ahead, until the day when you usher us into the blessed Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

**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, forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

#827 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus*

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from The Saint Helena Psalter, © 2004 The Order of Saint Helena.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

**We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding** | TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1988, alt. | MUSIC: David Ashley White, 1991 | Text © 1988 Hope Publishing Company Music © 1991 Selah Publishing Co., Inc

**O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair** | TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. | MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415; harm. The Hymnal, 1933

**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright** | TEXT: Philipp Nicolai, 1597; trans. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 | MUSIC: Philipp Nicolai, 1599; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1740

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ash Wednesday:** We will join together with our friends from Spirit of Joy Lutheran for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

**Ralph Johansen Recital, Rescheduled:** Ralph's Organ Recital has been rescheduled for Sunday February 22nd at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy some early afternoon organ music and invite your friends and neighbors!

**Immigration Aid Collection:** There is a bin outside the Fellowship Hall gathering donations of bath & body soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

**Meal Kit Collection:** BPC is now one of the distribution sites for meal kits put together by Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Meal kits include a recipe and shelf-stable ingredients to make the meal. Need a meal? Take a meal. Know someone who needs a meal? Bring them one. The kits are in the hutch near the water fountain and bathrooms.



**How can we pray for you?** Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

#### **BPC Prayer List:**

- Family of Larry Pattee
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Roxie, Elaine Thole's sister
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- Steve Grittman
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Marquetta Shupe
- Arthur James, Tanya's niece's baby
- Diane Ellis
- Family of Don Olsen
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Daniel & Gloria Elliot, Bonnie Morek's brother & sister-in-law
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has a terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, People of Faith
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jim and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter

- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- The Family of Ann Tansill, family friend of Pastor Brian
- Bryce & Cassie, grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Lanny and Shirley
- George Thole

<b>Today February 15</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Rivers of Hope 11:30am: Fellowship Committee
<b>Monday February 16</b>	5:00pm: Deacon Board
<b>Tuesday February 17</b>	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe 6:30pm: Session
<b>Wednesday February 18</b>	6:30pm: Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm: Adult Choir
<b>Thursday February 19</b>	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group via Zoom
<b>Sunday February 22</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Clearwater Forest

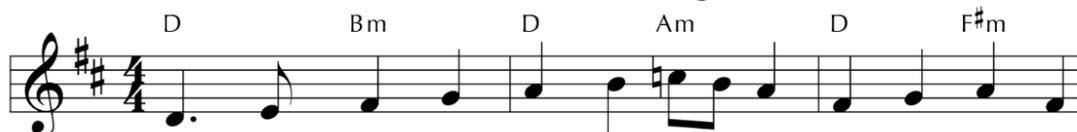
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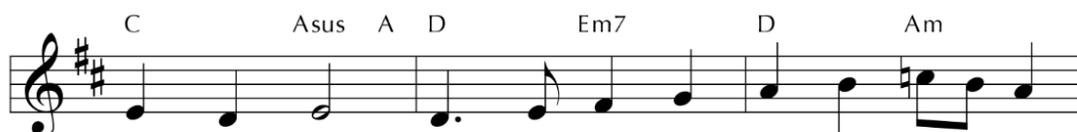
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# We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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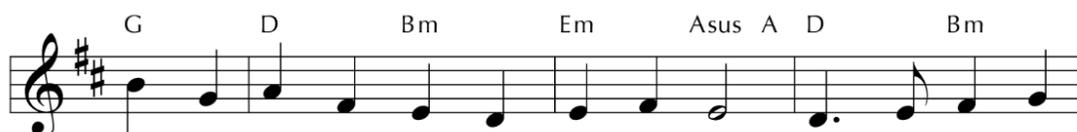
1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows; splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing  
 flesh - joined Word; Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel  
 faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt - ing



for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 as the heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those  
 won - der how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36.

# O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)  
 Cm B $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$  F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair  
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,  
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,  
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)  
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,  
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,  
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)  
 B $\flat$  Fm Gm B $\flat$  Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,  
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud  
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)  
 Gm Fm A $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
 who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

## 827 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 3 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 He will one day, O glo - rious grace, trans - port us to that

This "Queen of Chorales" (see no. 349 for the "King") is often associated with Epiphany because of the star imagery, but the text is really addressed to Christ as the Morning Star (Revelation 22:16), who guides and sustains us in this life and is our hope for the life to come.