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February 4, 2024

8:00 & 10:30

AM

***Theophanies of Light: Dazzled by God's Presence  
Swept Up, Glow Up***

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE**

*Were You There to Hear the Heavenly Angels Sing?*

by Combs

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>** (from Psalm 50)

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

**C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

L: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

**C: Speak to us, God, for we are listening.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY<sup>2</sup>

L: God, you bring us together in this place,

**C: we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.**

L: God, you challenge us in this place,

**C: we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.**

L: God, you are revealed in this place,

**C: sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.**

L: God as we worship in this place,

**C: refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness. We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 164 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

*Arise, Your Light is Come*

## Arise, Your Light is Come

Ruth Duck

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Piano



1. A - rise your light is come! The Spir - it's call o -  
2. A - rise your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on  
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row  
4. A - rise, your light is come! The mourn - tains burst in

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- bey; Show forth the glo - ry of your God which  
door; Pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good  
born, Bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and  
song! Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's

8



shines on you to - day!  
tid - ings to the poor.  
com - fort those who mourn.  
power will make us strong.

## **TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**L:** God of rainbows and puddles, Lover of snow showers and clear blue skies,

**C:** we confess to you and to one another the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us. We make ourselves busy with many things, and neglect to listen to your voice. All too often we see the worst in the world around us, and look past your signs of hope. We are quick to voice our dissent with one another, and refuse to see your face in the persons with whom we disagree. We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments, and close our hearts to your transforming grace. O Holy Light of the world, forgive us. Open our eyes to your endless possibilities. Give us courage to listen for your call to us. Take our hearts of stone, and make them new again with your holy love. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF PRAISE NO. 159 NCH** (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4, see below)

*As With Gladness Those of Old*

**ALL SING:** As with gladness those of old did the guiding star behold. As with joy they hailed its light, leading on ward, beaming bright. So, true Morning Star may we, evermore your splendor see.

Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way. And when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last. Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*2 Kings 2:1-14 (CEB)*

**HYMN NO 287 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page) *Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God*

# Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

Shirley Erena Murray, 1990

Carl Glaser

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Piano



1. Come, teach us, Spir - it of our God, the
2. Ex - cite our minds to fol - low you, to
3. En - gage our wits to dance with you, to
4. In - spire our spark to light from you to
5. De - light our hearts to wor - ship you, to

4



language of your way, the les - sons that we  
trace new truths in store, new flight paths for our  
leap from log - ic's base, to cap - ture in - sight  
catch cre - a - tion's flair, new ar - tis - try to  
learn com - pas - sion's code, to live in con - text

7



need to live, the faith for ev - ery day.  
spir - it space, new mar - vels to ex - plore.  
on the wing, to sense your cos - mic grace.  
cel - e - brate, new har - mo - nies to dare.  
of your love, great teach - er who is God!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Come Unto Christ*

by Combs

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2237 FWS (see next page, vs. 1 & 2)

*As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

# As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Ruth Duck

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Piano 

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a  
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are  
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a

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bright and warm-ing flame, so the church is meant for mis sion, giv - ing  
pil-grims on the way. We are seek-ers; we are giv-ers; we are  
sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of one ness 'mid earth's

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glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to  
ves-sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac-tions we would  
peo-ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the heav-ens when a

12 

build a bridge of care, we join hands a-cross the na tions, find-ing  
show that Christ is light. In a hum-ble, lis-tening Spir - it we would  
storm is past and gone, may our lives re-reflect the ra dian- ce of God's

16 

neigh - bors ev - ery - where.  
live to God's de - light.  
new and glo-rious dawn.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION<sup>4</sup>

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, that though Christ walked with them quite some time on the road to Emmaus, it was only when he took bread and blessed and broke it that their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ there with them in their midst.

**C: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. We want to know God's present with us. Be with us, O God.**

L: As we prepare our hearts for God's presence. We open our ears to hear God's story, a story that includes you and me. A story that reminds us that all are welcome at this meal—a story that opens our hearts to see that all are invited to experience God's presence here.

### COMMUNION PRAYER<sup>5</sup>

L: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

**C: Holy, holy, holy God of love and mystery, the whole universe speaks of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Merciful God, as siblings in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ—a meal where Christ makes his presence known to us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and broke it. Gave it to his disciples and said this is my body given for you, do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin—do this for the remembrance of me. By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and wait Christ's coming again. We bless this bread and cup trusting that Christ is present here with us, sharing his Holy Meal.

Let us pray, Pour out your Holy Spirit on all gathered here...Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever more.

**C: Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

#### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

##### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray,

**C: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 460 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

*God Will Take Care of You*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*The Lord Bless and Keep You*

by Lutkin

#### References

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is from Liturgy for Transfiguration Sunday, written by Robin Knowles Wallace (2008). Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. And accessed on 1/29/24 for use.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of the Day is posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/> and accessed on 1/29/24 for use.

<sup>3</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, wonderings through life and other such nonsense and accessed on 1/29/24

<sup>4</sup>Communion Liturgy is adapted from The Service of Word and Sacrament II from the United Church of Christ book of worship, pp. 68-

<sup>5</sup>Part of the Communion prayer is from from the Abingdon Worship Annual, posted on the Cokesbury website. <http://www.cokesbury.com/> and accessed for use on 1/29/24.

# God Will Take Care of You

Civilla D. Martin, 1904

W. Stillman Martin, 1905

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Piano

1. Be not dis-mayed what - e'er be - tide,
2. Through days of toil when heart grows frail,
3. All you may need God will pro - vide,
4. No mat-ter what may be the test,

3

God will take care of you; Be-neath God's wings of love a - bide,  
God will take care of you; When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail,  
God will take care of you; Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied,  
God will take care of you; Lean, wea - ry one, up - on God's breast,

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God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through ev-ery day,  
God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you.

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o'er all the way; God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

## Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**8:00 AM Welcome Team Members**—Barry & Nancy Schwartz

**8:00 AM Tech Team**—Jack Herlocker, Ron Miles

**8:00 & 10:30AM Liturgist**—Brenda Beyer

**10:30 AM Welcome Team Members**—John & Connie Wolfe, Scott Kiefer

**10:30 AM Tech Team**—Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, John Kollasch

**10:30 AM Praise Team**—Barb Neff