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February 11, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Theophanies of Light: Dazzled by God's Presence Shining Bright Transfiguration Sunday

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 10:30AM 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 D

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daylight Lingers

by Combs

- L: We have seen the light of God;
- C: on high mountains of celebration and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.
- L: We have seen the light of God;
- C: through the bitter scorn of betrayal and the searing chasm of grief.
- L: We have seen the light of God;
- C: with eyes that have been shaded, with eyes that have been opened, with eyes that have been blinded.
- L: We have seen the light of God.

TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER²

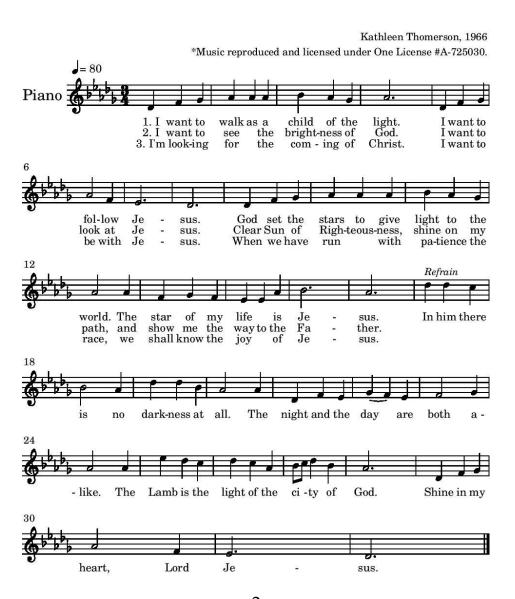
L: God of light,

C: we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence. We are comforted by your holiness and your glow; we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory. The mountain top reminds us why we worship you. We witness your bright power, and your plan for the nations of the earth. As we prepare for worship, God bring us to the mountain top; bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 206 UM HYMNAL (see below)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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*TIME OF CONFESSION³

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of light and love forgive us:

C: If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need: forgive us, Lord. If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness: forgive us, Lord. If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness: forgive us, Lord. If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless: forgive us, Lord. If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes: forgive us, Lord. If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance: forgive us, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are.

This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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, breaming 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 Matthew 5:14-16 (CEB) Mark 9:2-9 (CEB)

HYMN NO 525 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

This Little Light of Mine

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP OFFERTORY

Here I Am to Worship

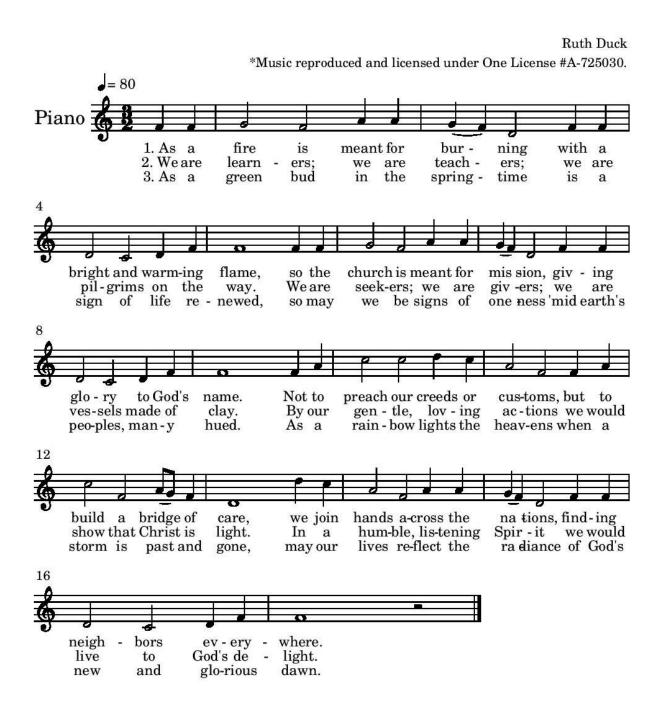
Hughes

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2237 FWS (see below, vs. 1 & 2)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Let Your Light Shine



*CLOSING HYMN NO. 526 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Jubilation

by Handel

References

¹The Call to Worship is written by Katherine Hawker in 1997. Posted on her Liturgies Outside website. Shared for use and accessed on 1/29/24.

²The Transfiguration Prayer is posted for use on the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women website of the United Methodist Church. http://www.gcsrw.org/Portals/4/WHM.worship%20March%202.pdf and accessed 1/29/24.

³The Time of Confession is written by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies Online. Accessed for use 1/29/24.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8:00 AM Welcome Team Members—Don & Diane Strine

8:00 AM Tech Team—Paul Ramsey, Joe Vacante

8:00 AM Liturgist—Connie Wolfe

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Reader—Freddie Northridge

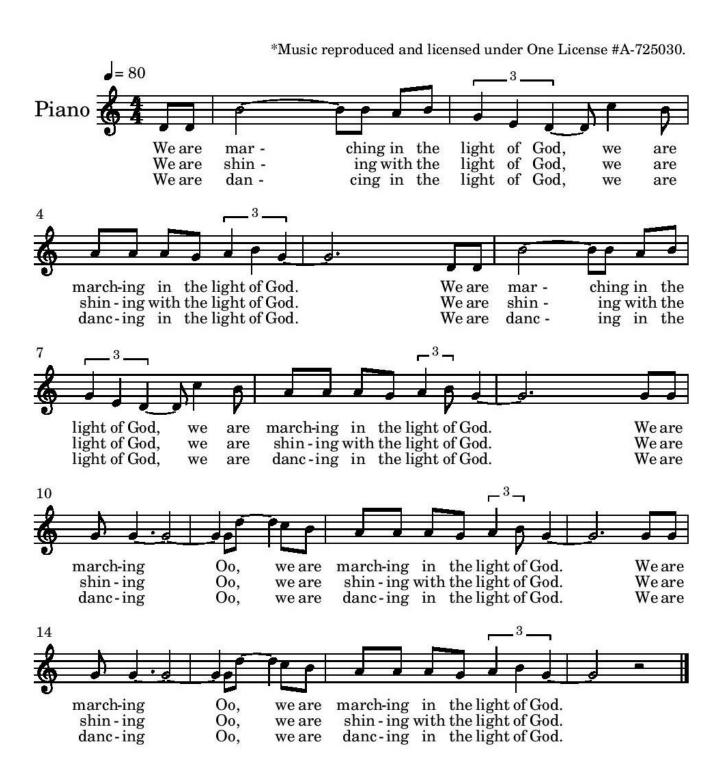
<u>10:30 AM Welcome Team Members</u>—Glenda Abrams, Tori Everhart, Faye Heal, & Melissa Shindler

10:30 AM Tech Team—Elaine Bevivino, John Schriver, Joe Vacante

10:30 AM Liturgist—Stella Fletcher

10:30 AM Worship Choir—Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Carol Hartman, Lana Fritz, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, & Melody Stine

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Alternate Verses)



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