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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

Daylight Lingers

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to

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fol-low Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my
be with Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the

12 *Refrain*
world. The star of my life is Je - sus. In him there
path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

18
is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a -

24
- like. The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my

30
heart, Lord Je - sus.

***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, 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**

Matthew 5:14-16 (CEB)

Mark 9:2-9 (CEB)

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

This Little Light of Mine

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

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Piano 

1. This lit - tle light of mine,
2. Ev - ry - where I go,
3. All through the night,

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I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ Ev - ry - where I go,
I'm gon - na let it shine. _____ All through the night,

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I'm gon - na let it shine. This lit - tle light of mine,
I'm gon - na let it shine. Ev - ry - where I go,
I'm gon - na let it shine. All through the night,

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I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,
I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,
I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,

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let it shine! _____
let it shine! _____
let it shine. _____

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

Ruth Duck

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♩ = 80

Piano 

1. As a fire is meant for bur - ning 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 cus-toms, 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

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

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***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%20202.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

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—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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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are
 We are shin - ing with the light of God, we are
 We are dan - cing in the light of God, we are

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march-ing in the light of God. We are mar - ching in the
 shin - ing with the light of God. We are shin - ing with the
 danc - ing in the light of God. We are danc - ing in the

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light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
 light of God, we are shin - ing with the light of God. We are
 light of God, we are danc - ing in the light of God. We are

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march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
 shin - ing Oo, we are shin - ing with the light of God. We are
 danc - ing Oo, we are danc - ing in the light of God. We are

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march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 shin - ing Oo, we are shin - ing with the light of God.
 danc - ing Oo, we are danc - ing in the light of God.

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