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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

() The congregation is invited to stand as able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRESENTATION OF SCOUTING MINISTRY Jill Miltner

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE: *Improvisation by Kevin G. Lindsay*

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

God of Grace, you say "Let there be light,"
and we come into being.

Christ, light of the world, you shine in us,
and we glow with the radiance of your presence.

Holy Spirit, fire of God, you burn in us,
and we bear the beams of your love into this world.

Christ, may we shine with the light of your grace.

**Alleluia! Come, Spirit of Life,
and transform us from within. Alleluia!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

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 for some
flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -
to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us
sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our
like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

**Gentle God, your light shines in all Creation,
but we have not looked for it.
Your light shines in us,
but we have not shone fully with your grace.
Forgive our dullness,
cleanse all that obscures your light,
and shine in us more perfectly,
that we may be light for the world
by the grace of Christ,
with the radiance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE **

**We breathe deeply of the Holy Spirit:
God's love radiant in us, whose gifts in us
enable us to shine with God's light.
We trust the power of grace,
to forgive, to bless, to seek justice,
to serve God in the way of grace.
Thanks be to God!**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#) (Pg. 839) **

My eyes for beauty pine,
my soul for God's grace,
no other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed
from all the stars above;
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'tis Love,
'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart
that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
of that celestial fire.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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GOSPEL LESSON:

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

(Pg. 829) **

Please remain standing for the Gospel Lesson

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.'

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
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SERMON

“Weekly Journey to the Mountaintop”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

1. **Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.**

2. **Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Savior
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

3. **Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.**

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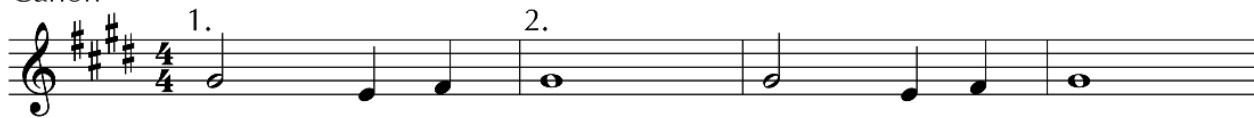
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Be Still, and Know That I Am God

Canon



Be still and know that I am God.



Be still and know that I am God.

Text: Psalm 46:10; John L. Bell, b.1949

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (*As above*)

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Improvisation

Kevin G. Lindsay

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, _ fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, _ set our hearts on fire;
flow, riv - er, flow, _ flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,
Fine
send forth your word, _ Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

D.C.

Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.

WORDS: Graham Kendrick (2 Cor. 4:6)
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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
Irregular with Refrain

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*BENEDICTION

DEDICATION OF PROJECT LINUS BLANKETS & QUILTS

VOLUNTARY

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Liturgist: Ken Manning

Video and Sound Engineer: Zac Cook

Altar Flowers:

- In celebration of Alejandra's 12th birthday, with love from her parents and sister.
- In remembrance of Russell Albert on the 10th anniversary of his passing given by his wife Carole Albert

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Looking Ahead

Readings for February 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

[Genesis 9: 8-17 / Psalm 25:1-10](#)

[1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:9-15](#)

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