

Order for the Public Worship of God
February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of the Lord
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl F. Schalk

*When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.
Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.*

--Susan Palo Cherwien

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PROCESSION OF THE U.S. FLAG & CHRISTIAN FLAG

Hayden Turner

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

**I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands: one Sav-
ior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.**

HYMN #265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

(stanzas 1,4,5)

**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Blessings abound where’er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive
what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a
judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be
changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ, the
light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

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.**

ANTHEM

“The Light of God’s Love”
(Angel Choir, recorded on March 17, 2019)

Mark Burrows

*Look into my heart, what do you see? God’s light shining in me.
Look into my heart, what do you see? God’s light shining in me.
And I can reflect God’s image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.
It’s a light that’s brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God’s love.*

*Deep down in your heart, you’ve got it too, God’s light shining in you.
Deep down in your heart, you’ve got it too, God’s light shining in you.
And you can reflect God’s image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.
It’s a light that’s brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God’s love.*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*And we can reflect God’s image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.
It’s a light that’s brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God’s love.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #193

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

UNSER HERRSCHER

(stanzas 1,2,5)

**Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.**

**What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.**

**We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:32-37; 15:36-41 (NRSV)
Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Transfigured by Encouragement”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

(stanzas 1,2,4,5)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION

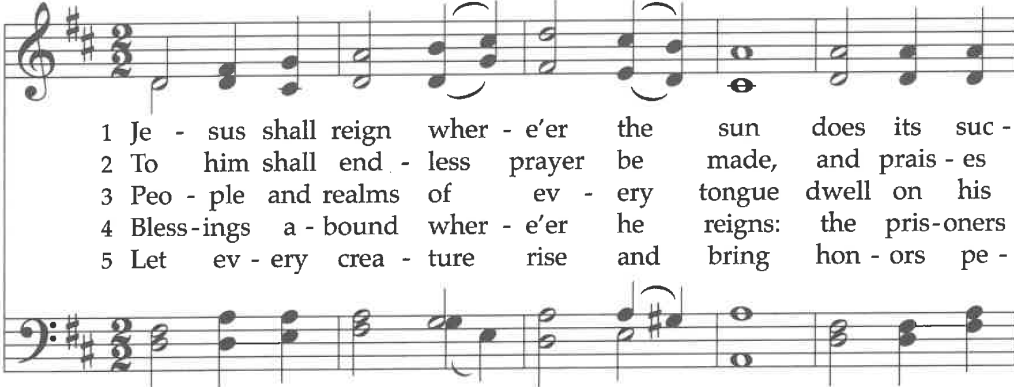
CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata on DUKE STREET”
(based on the tune of the opening hymn)

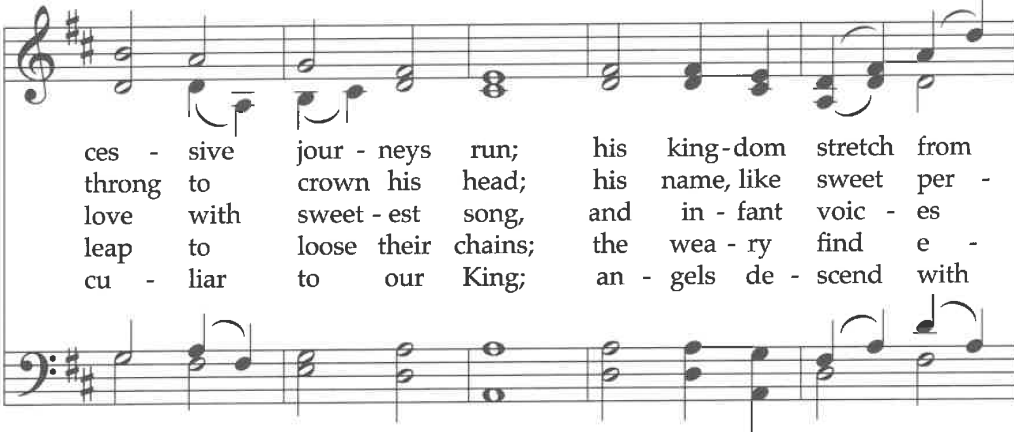
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Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

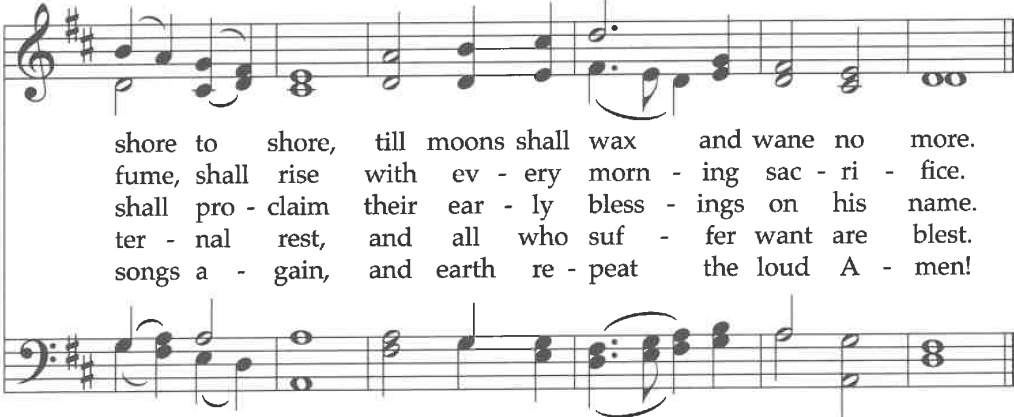
265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



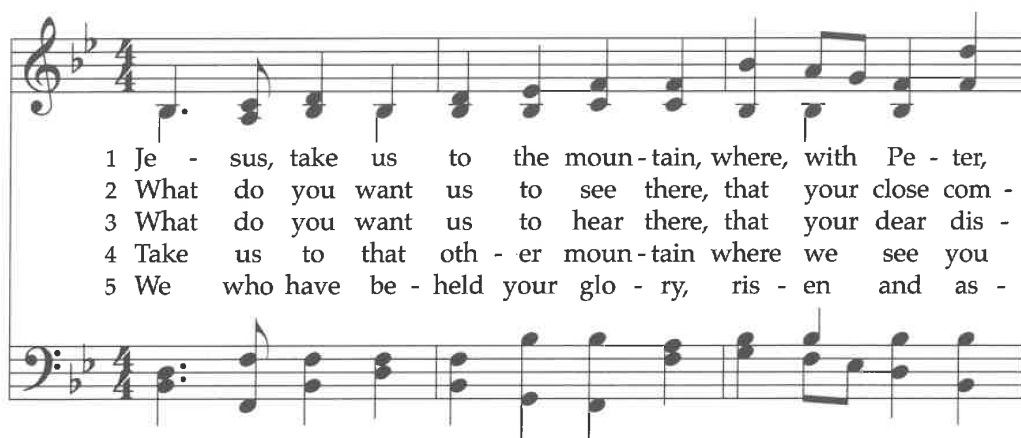
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



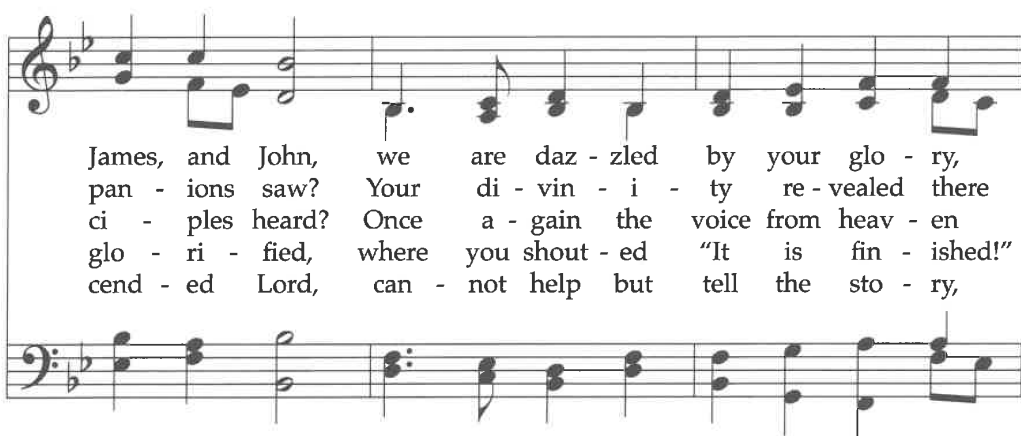
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

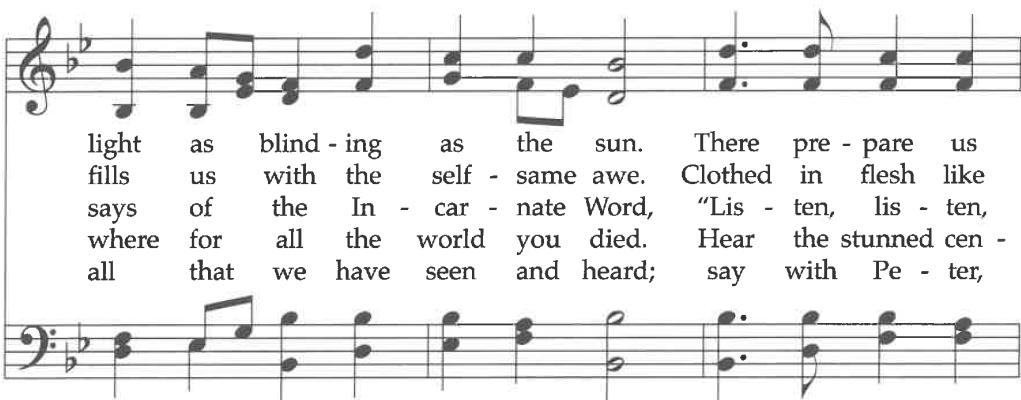
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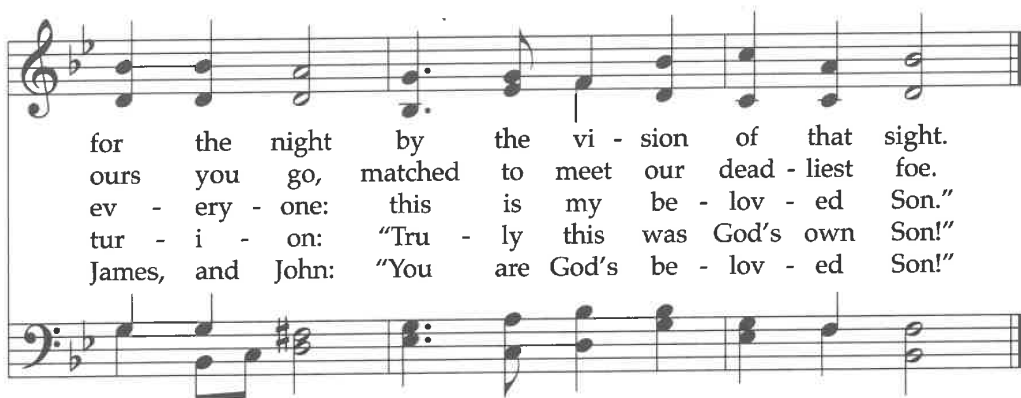
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

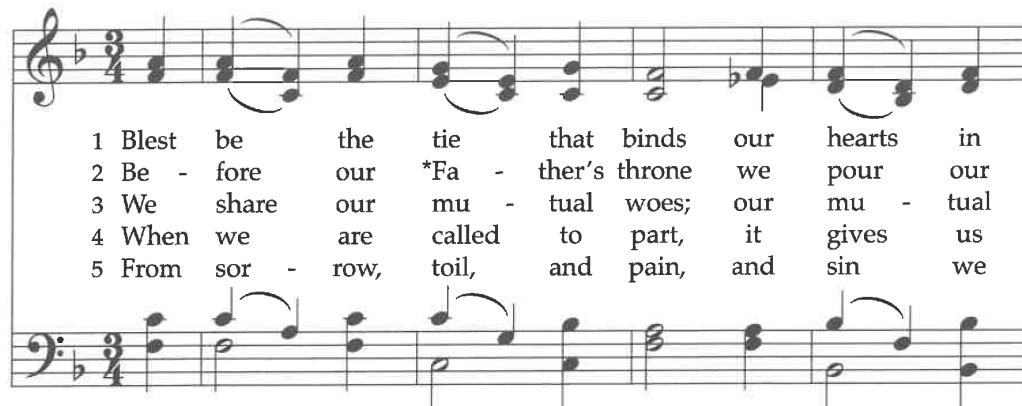


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 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

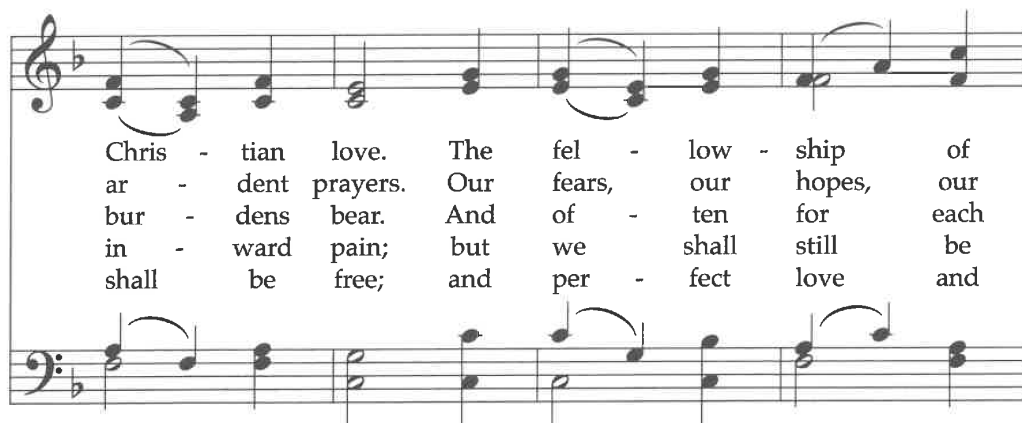


for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

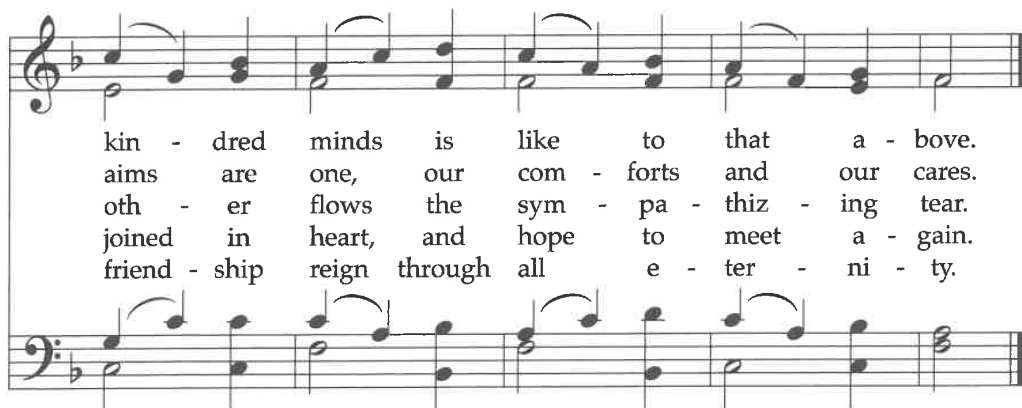
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.