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.

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

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”                        Mark Burrows
(Angel Choir, recorded on March 17, 2019)

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                                      UNSER HERRSCHER
“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”               (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
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)

David Cherwien

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its courses journey's run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morn-ing sacrifice.
3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners and the weary find e-ternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5 Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King: angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

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.
193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
4 Take us to that other mountain where we see you
5 We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story.

James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory,
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glorified, where you shouted “It is finished!”
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light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us
fills us with the same awe. Clothed in flesh like
says of the Incarnate Word, “Listen, listen,
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned center all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter,

for the night by the vision of that sight.
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James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

*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.

TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782
MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845