

Order of Worship

February 19th 2023 ~ The Last Sunday after Epiphany: The Transfiguration

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

God, 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.

~ United Methodist Church

Hymn of Praise

Shout To The Lord

WS #216

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy

At the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You

Forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise

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Opening Prayer

Oh Lord,
You call us to go to the mountain top with you
And we follow, not quite sure of what is to happen,
but we like mountain tops,
we like the view from up here,
we like mountain top experiences.
Lord some times we need mountain top experiences with you
when our days are dark and dreary,
when our hearts, are heavy,
when the valleys seem more depressing then ever.
Lord, may this mountain top experience
fill our hearts with your light,
may we be filled with your love,
may we be filled with hope.
Lord, we are aware,
that just as Moses and your disciples
were changed by their experiences
that we too are changed and transformed
into the image of Christ by your mercy.
Lord, may we have unveiled faces that reflect your love,
your hope, and your light.
Amen.

— written by Rev Abi, A Place for Prayer blog

Special Music

You Are My Reason
Kat Gosselin

Scripture Reading

Esteban Ferrer, reader

Matthew 17:1-9 **NRSV**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Glimmers of Hope

Associate Pastor, Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Esteban Ferrer, Reader

Offertory

Here Comes The Sun

George Harrison

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

RH #539

Verse 1

My faith looks up to Thee

Thou Lamb of Calvary

Saviour divine

Now hear me while I pray

Take all my guilt away

O let me from this day

Be wholly Thine

Verse 2

May Thy rich grace impart

Strength to my fainting heart

My zeal inspire

As Thou hast died for me

O may my love to Thee

Pure warm and changeless be

A living fire

Verse 3

While life's dark maze I tread

And grief's around me spread

Be Thou my guide

Bid darkness turn to day

Wipe sorrow's tears away

Nor let me ever stray

From Thee aside

Verse 4

When ends life's transient dream

When death's cold sullen stream

Shall o'er me roll

Blest Saviour then in love

Fear and distrust remove

O bear me safe above

A ransomed soul

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Closing Prayer

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.
We have been changed.
We can't be silent anymore.
We have seen the Light of the World.
Go and share the radiance of love!
Amen.

~ written by Rev. Dr. David Bahr

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by,
Kat Gosselin with
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar - Sue de Campo
Greeters - Dean & Sherri Goodwin
Reader and POP - Esteban Ferrer

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