



February 14, 2021  
Transfiguration Sunday

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PRELUDE	<i>All Depends on Our Possessing</i>	arr. D. Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen to the Beloved!

**People: Christ, the true and only light.**

Leader: Listen to the Beloved!

**People: Sun of Righteousness,  
Dayspring from on high.**

Leader: Listen to the Beloved!

**People: Radiance Divine,  
shine in our hearts and show us the way.**

OPENING HYMN #173

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

***Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.***

***Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak to us, O God,  
and let the fire of your Spirit  
burn brightly in our hearts.  
Open our minds to receive  
the wisdom of the law,  
the hope of the prophets,  
and the life of the gospel:  
Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*God is our Hope and Strength*  
from *Cantata 24*

J.S. Bach  
Chancel Quartet

God is our hope and strength, all heaven and earth adore God!  
Renew eternal praise, and prostrate fall before him!  
For all things are of God, and in all things is he,  
the works that aye have been, and evermore shall be.

Honor and thanks to God, who wrought this world's creation.  
To taste of heavenly joy, in death and tribulation.  
God praise we while we live, and on his will attend,  
until we there arrive, where song shall have no end.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Psalm 50:1-6

Diane Gattone

Leader: The Lord, the Mighty One, is God.

**People: The Lord has spoken;  
and summoned all humanity  
from where the sun rises to where it sets.**

Leader: From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines in glorious radiance.

**People: Our God approaches,  
and is not silent.**

Leader: Fire devours everything in God's way,  
and a great storm rages all around.

**People: The Mighty One calls  
on the heavens above and earth below  
to witness the judgment of the people.**

Leader: "Bring my faithful people to me—  
those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices."

**People: Then let the heavens proclaim the Lord's justice,  
for God will be the judge.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #395

*Take Time to be Holy*

***Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.***

***Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.***

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## 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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

## DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Transfigured, Transfixed, Transformed*

Darren Cushman Wood

## HYMN OF DEDICATION #2103

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

***We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
 where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
 Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
 searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
 we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
 But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
 that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Leader: Now go and tell the good news: the Lord of life is with us.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: The face of God shines upon you.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: The Spirit of God goes before you with beauty, blessing, and peace.

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

*Toccata Modale*

D. Janzer

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*

John Hague, Dick Tiller-Luchtman & James Horton, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Chancel Quartet:

*Kate Roberts, Amy Cuomo, Nathanael Hein & Ron Berry*

**Lenten "Good Power" Small Groups**

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**The Synoptic Puzzle**

Dr. Perry Kea Virtual Study

Sundays, Feb. 21-March 21

9:45-10:45 a.m.

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