



February 19, 2023 – Livestream
Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. R.G. te Velde

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Holy One.

People: The Holy One is on the mountain and exalted among the people.

Leader: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Mighty One.

People: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.

Leader: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Everlasting God.

People: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise our God!

*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.***

***Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.***

***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.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Transform us into the likeness of your Son,
who renewed our humanity
so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! Even though it be a cross that raiseth me;
still all my song shall be, 'Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!'
Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, my God, to thee.
There let the way appear steps unto heaven; all that thou sendest me in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee.
Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise, out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee.
Or if, on joyful wing, cleaving the sky, sun, moon, and stars fort, upwards I fly;
still all my song shall be, 'nearer my God, to thee.'

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord is sovereign; let the peoples tremble!
God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion,
and exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

People: Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;

**People: you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Praise the Lord our God;
worship at God's footstool.

People: Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

**People: They cried to the Lord, and God answered them.
the Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept the decrees and the statutes that God gave them.**

Leader: O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**People: Praise the Lord our God,
and worship on the holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shannon Priddy

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the

sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #644

Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

***Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.***

***Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.***

***Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;
where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.***

***Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2176

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer for Transfiguration Day

J. Weaver

Chancel Quartet/Cathedral Singers

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,

you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles.

In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son,
and told us to heed your teachings.

O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. 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!**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ 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."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Mountain View

Sunil Kotian

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2102

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

***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.***

***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.***

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

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Christ Is the World's Light

arr. D. Blackwell

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in memory of Karen Kay Ball Leonard in the week of her birthday (February 18)
by Jack Leonard and Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard.*

*The red carnation is in celebration of the birth of Danielle Jane Caraher, born Monday, February 13 to
Melissa and Patrick Caraher. Danielle is the granddaughter of Jim and Denise Caraher.*

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
Shannon Priddy, *Liturgist*
John Hague and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

Feb 21, 5:30-7pm - Mardi Gras

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22

7:30am, 1:00pm and 6:30pm

Beginning February 26, Women's Sunday School in Room 205

Lenten Worship and Study Series:

"Renewing Rituals: How Holy Habits Can Enrich Your Life"

February 26 – March 26

Sign up now to be part of a small group.

"Renewing Wednesdays"

Join us every Wednesday, 5:30 – 7pm in Lent for a light meal
and inspiring event beginning March 1.