



February 11, 2024 – Livestream  
Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

BURYING THE ALLELUIAS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

arr. J. Linker

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise and glory, honor and majesty to Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Leader: Praise and glory, honor and majesty to Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Leader: Praise and glory, honor and majesty to Jesus Christ our Lord!

**People: Radiancy 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.***

***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, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Great God,  
the beautiful light of your truth  
shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.  
Transform us with the presence of your Son,  
and light up the world with your image,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Sovereign,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE #2253

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace*

***Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, seep over me!***

***Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me in sculpting me.***

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: God, the Mighty One, speaks, calling out to the earth.**

Leader: From Zion, full of beauty, God shines brightly.

**People: Our God is coming and will not be silent.**

Leader: A devouring fire goes before the Sovereign One;

**People: a storm rages all around the Mighty One.**

Leader: God calls out to the skies above

**People: and to the earth below holding all people accountable:**

Leader: "Bring my faithful to me,  
those who made a sacrificial covenant with me."

**People: The skies proclaim God's righteousness  
because the Lord is our judge.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-19

<sup>16</sup>For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes <sup>17</sup>when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER #2128

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.*

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 #2013

*Bless the Lord*

***Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ms. Callie Day

\*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

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Light will 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 Christ.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #2036

*Give Thanks*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.***

***And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say,  
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say,  
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” [Repeat from beginning]  
[after repeat] Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him*

arr. G. Mims

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in memory of long-time North Church member and friend Dotti Gerner  
from Don and Gail Nelson.*

**Upcoming Events**

- February 13, Mardi Gras, 5:30pm
- February 14, Ash Wednesday, 7:30am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm, Chapel
- February 18, Lenten Small Groups  
begin at various locations, times, and dates
- February 21, Renewing Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm
- February 22, Miriam Circle, 12:30pm
- February 27, Women of Lydia, 7:00pm
- February 29, LGBTQ+ Fellowship Duckpin Bowling, 6:00-8:00pm
- March 1–3, Youth Lenten Retreat
- March 2, Children's Lenten Retreat, 10:00am-2:00pm

**This week’s worship leaders:**

- Darren Cushman Wood  
*Senior Pastor*
- Sunil Kotian  
*Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
- Amy Sell  
*Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
- Brandon Wallace  
*Minister of Youth & Young Adults*
- John Hague, James Horton,  
and Allen McCormack  
*Audio Visual*
- Mark Gilgallon  
*Music Director*
- Heather Hinton  
*Organist*