A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING... 

The Prelude
Prelude on “New England”
arr. Colin Curtis

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit
Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain
Hymn 193

Call to Worship

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth tremble!

Let us praise God’s great and awesome name. Holy is our God!

Extol God and worship at God’s footstool. Holy is the Lord!

Extol the Lord our God! Let us worship at God’s holy mountain.

The Prayer of Adoration

Holy One, you are clothed in majesty and splendor. In the solitude of a mountain height, you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ. We praise you for this glimpse into the mystery of our redemption. You loved the world so much that you sent your beloved Son to dwell with us. We praise you for your saving grace. Transfigure us by your Spirit, so that your love shines in all we do and say. May the world see your radiant light that guides all creation. Amen.

*The Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,

only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*The Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior...

Time for silent personal confession...

*The Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

A Minute for Congregational Survey

Betsy Lewis and Rachel Statler
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 24:12-18*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 99*

The Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*  
*John Rutter*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.*  
*Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,*  
*both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*  
*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word. Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;*  
*Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*  
*Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might.*  
*Be thou my soul’s shelter, be thou my strong tower;*  
*O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.*  
*Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance, now and always. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of Heaven, thou heaven’s bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall. Still be thou my vision O Ruler of all.*

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 662*  
*Christ Whose Glory Fill the Skies*  
*John Rutter*

*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; Day-star, 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.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 17:1-9*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

*W.A.I.T.*  
*Kim Clayton*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD . . .

*The Affirmation of Faith*  
*Col. 1:15-20*

*Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.*

The 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.*
The Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Toccata in F Major
Dietrich Buxtehude

The flowers are given today by Lista Winger-Eger, David Winger, and Heather Galligan in loving memory of their daughter and sister, Holly Winger.

Today’s Worship Leaders:
Preacher: Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Betsy Mathias, Jen Rowe
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk

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