

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior, arr. C. Ore¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King!
Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!

People: In reverent awe, we gather to worship our God.

Leader: The Lord our God is King and the Just Judge
of all things for all eternity, all people and all places.

People: In reverent awe, we gather to praise our God.

Leader: The Lord our God is King and the Forgiving God!
'Fairness' and 'Justice' are the names of our God.

**People: In reverent awe, we gather to worship God, within
the light of God's holiness, justice, mercy and love.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 189

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair, Deo Gracias*²

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there, where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3 The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace; the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.

4 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

5 And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery, for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

You give us the ministry of reconciliation: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration: Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us. You bless our lives with boundless love: Yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ (continue with silent confession...) Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected.

People: But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory!

Leader: Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!
Go, share the vision!

People: Tell of God's love! In this, God is well pleased!

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 583** *Glory to God, Taize Ecumenical Community*³

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (There is no children's time after the message this week.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the

Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON

Dazzled

*HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain, Unser Herrscher⁴

1 Jesus, take us to the mountain where, with Peter, James and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

2 What do you want us to see there that your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

3 What do You want us to hear there that your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the incarnate Word: "Listen, listen everyone; this is my beloved Son!"

4 Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified, where you shouted, "It is finished!" Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

5 We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 467

*Give Us Light, Jyothi Dho*⁵

Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER - Yong Joo Erwin

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 192

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining, Shine, Jesus, Shine*⁶

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, arr. M. Burkhardt⁷

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Roger Fletcher

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr



WORSHIP NOTES

Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Pencils are available in the Narthex. Coffee fellowship will resume after worship starting March 6.

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS February 27

TODAY Adult Forum February 27 via Zoom

The Madison Area Jail Ministry provides spiritual care to men & women of all faith traditions and beliefs that are incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. They create opportunities for various types of worship, prayer, self-reflection, discussion groups, and Bible study within the jail setting. They also furnish services to assist incarcerated people with a successful return to their communities upon release from jail. Additionally they provide resources and spiritual care to jail staff. Join us on Zoom for this educational forum and hear board chair, Gwen Kochan talk more about MAJM's programs and how different churches contribute to their mission at 11:15am today. **The zoom info is below and is also in this morning's worship email.**

www.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 821 5841 8140

Passcode: 524580

Or via phone: 312-626-6799 and enter above info.

Worship Updates per Session

Due to the sharply falling rate of Covid infections and hospitalizations, effective March 6:

-Coffee fellowship will be reinstated in Fellowship Hall; masks will be required unless eating or drinking while seated;

-Worship leaders in the chancel area will be allowed to remove masks at their discretion

while speaking;

-Tape will be removed from the pews in the front section of the church but remain in the back section; social distancing will be encouraged.

-Small groups may meet again at the church. Masks and social distancing are still required. If all participants of a group are vaccinated & boosted, then masks are optional (but encouraged.)

Lenten Study

Join Pastor Scott on the Journey of Lent Ash Wednesday (March 2) through Holy Week (April 15) using the devotional: *Living into Lent*. The Lenten journey is a shared journey. *Living into Lent*, written by noted Presbyterian theologian, educator, and author Donald K. McKim, sets aside time each day during the Lenten season for readers to reflect on their Christian identities, listen to God's Word and will, and engage in practices that deepen the Christian experience through discipleship.

Pastor Scott will lead a 45-minute discussion session based on the devotional readings from *Living into Lent*. There will be **two opportunities** to join the discussion each week during Lent: **Sundays at 11:15am** (in lieu of the pastor's Bible Study) and **Thursdays at 6:30pm** (via Zoom).

The book is \$13 and currently available in the Narthex (you can also find it on Kindle). We hope you can join us on this journey!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List (rotating weekly): Margie Knott, Hugh Moss, Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Joyce Schultze, Judy Braucht

Members & Friends: Nancy Prine, Jerry Donnell, Gordon Bischel (Dorothy Schroeder's nephew), Steve & Cathy Wilkins (Gay Didriksen's daughter and son-in-law), Connie Detloff