

ORDER OF WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 11, 2024
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

Carillon Choir; Bonnie Lynch, Director

Jesus and His Love
arr. Benjamin A. Tucker

ACT OF PRAISE

MOVE

Great Is the Lord Almighty! (with Jesus Shall Reign)
arr. Camp Kirkland

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joan Wooden

God touches the world,
and the world changes.
God touches us,
and we are transformed.

In the brightest of day,
in the deepest of night,
on mountain,
in valley,
everywhere.

In this time, together,
we invite God
to open our eyes
to the transformation
of our lives.

And through the change -
we worship God. Alleluia!

*HYMN 173

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God,
upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah,
who by his death and resurrection
would fulfill both the law and the prophets.
By his transfiguration enlighten our path
that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity
and so share in the everlasting glory of him who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever. **Amen.**

***PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 50: 1-6

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Our God comes, and does not keep silence,
before whom is a devouring fire,
round about whom is a mighty storm.

**God calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare God’s righteousness,
for God alone is judge!**

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Alpha and Omega
Robbie Trice; arr. Marty Parks

MOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bishop Al Gwinn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of glory and mercy, you reveal yourself to us in Jesus.
And yet at times our eyes do not see him;
our minds do not know him; our hearts do not love him;
our voices do not praise him.**

**Be thou our vision, O Lord, expand our perception,
increase our comprehension, strengthen our passion,
and transform us through acts of worship and service.**

**In the name of the One whose light shines in the darkness,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is light,
and in him is no darkness.
If we confess our sin,
God is faithful and just to forgive our sin
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 500

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

stanza 1

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Glory, Sing to God Forever
G.F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Anne Beck

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 any more, 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.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel Marshall

"Mountains and Valleys"

*HYMN 530

Are Ye Able

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Dr. James Humlong

Finale from Symphony No. 2
Charles-Marie Widor

This morning's liturgy:

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