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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day
February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Shout to the Lord*

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

People: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Liturgist: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

People: Out of the clouds, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Liturgist: Embraced in the power and presence of the Lord, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***A Call to Confession (Liturgist)**

God alone is righteous. God alone is wholly other. God alone is judge. Yet, this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)**

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

The Silent Confession (please be seated)

The Sung Response to Confession: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Our God comes and does not keep silent. God speaks with promise making truth that we are God's beloved.

People: This is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: And, also with you.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

Choir with Erin Holsinger, flute and Kelly Serena, violin

Small Talk

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Holy God, you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus Christ, and have given us a share in your Spirit. May we who listen to Christ follow faithfully, and, in the dark places where you send us, reveal the light of your gospel. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

I Thessalonians 1:2-10

The Message

To Show Us Who We Really Are

Rev. Paul Roberts

Hymn of Affirmation:

Be Thou My Vision

Sharing Our Life Together

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church. You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. Amen.

The Offertory

Doxology – Thanksgiving in Song

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen*

***The Sending Hymn:** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, verses 1-3*

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Offerings are received through a variety of ways – in the plate during the offering, online, by mail or via the office. May our offerings be reflection of God’s abundance in our lives, for the glory of God and for the work of God’s kingdom in the world. Thank you for being so generous and sustaining our ministry. To give online visit - <https://www.sampsonsmills.org/offering>

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth system.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

(D/F#)

(A7)

(D)

E^bA^bE^b/GB^b7E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B^bE^bA^bB^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

(F#m7)

(G)

(A)

A^bE^b

Gm7

A^bB^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

(D/F#)

(G)

(D)

Cm

E^b/GA^bE^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.