

# Worship Outline

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome

Prelude

*A Time for Joy*

Simone

Introit

*You*

*The Lord Bless and Keep*

Lewann Sotnak

Children's Choir

+Call to Worship

Beyond our busyness,

above the cold winter floor

there is a glory rising born of heaven

and reaching out to each one of us

**a light that shines through the clouds**

**an invitation seeking all of who we are**

**that transfigures the world**

that transforms darkness into hope

that brings life from a cross

where old life ends and new life is born

**In glory Jesus meets us here**

**raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain**

**carrying the weight of our humanity**

**to the heights of heaven's glory.**

+Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Great God of dazzling beauty

and overshadowing majesty,

in Jesus Christ, your beloved,

we glimpse the image of your glory.

Teach us to listen to him  
so that we may hear your voice  
and follow your hoy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn 191  
*Bidding*

*We Have Come at Christ's Own*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**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 Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept.*

Response 551

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance (responsive)

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

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

The Peace of Christ (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the love of Christ, welcome those around you today.

+Gathering Song 669

*Let's Sing unto the Lord*

*Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.*

*Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.*

*God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans; and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!*

*Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,*

*Which shows our love and faith and hope of all creation.*

*Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness, and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessing.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!*

## Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:24 – 17:8

Let us pray...

God of shining splendor,  
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.

Over shadow us with your Spirit  
so that we may hear your Word  
and live as faithful disciples  
and covenant people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

Anthem

*Shepherd of My Soul*

Dengler

Chancel Choir

Offering

Invitation

In days of old, God was seen as far from the people.

But we know Christ, and in him we know God.

When we share what we have out of love,  
our hearts grow closer to God,  
and we shine with Christ's glory.  
Let us offer our gifts to God today.

Offertory

Jesus, Word of God, Incarnate  
Saint Soens

+Doxology 606

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

+Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,  
it is through your mercy  
that we have this ministry—  
the ministry of our talents and treasure,  
the ministry of our passion and purpose.  
Strengthen our hearts for your service,  
and accept the grateful offerings  
we lay before you. Amen.

+Hymn 521

*In Remembrance of Me*

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of Moses and Elijah,  
you come to us in a whirlwind of mystery,  
a swirling tempest, a devouring fire.

Yet you come to us -  
speaking faithfulness and mercy,  
shining light in our darkness,  
offering forgiveness for our sin.

Therefore we praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world -  
shining at the dawn of creation,  
shining in our hearts this day  
with a splendor that overshadows  
all the beauty of heaven and earth.

**In his face we have seen your glory;  
through his words we have heard your truth;  
by his living and dying and rising  
we have come to know  
the height and breadth and depth  
of your great love.**

With thanksgiving, we remember  
**the bread of life -  
taken, blessed, broken, and given  
that we might be holy and whole.**

With thanksgiving we remember  
**the cup of salvation -  
your new covenant of grace,  
poured out in love for the world.**

Remembering your faithfulness and mercy  
as we share this bread and cup,  
we offer ourselves in your service  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Now let us share in your Holy Spirit-  
poured out in this place, for these people,  
upon this bread and cup.

**Let our lives shine with Christ's light-  
a blessing of joy to the living,  
a beacon of hope to the dying,  
a sign of your new creation.**

All this we pray to you, O God,  
through the gift of your Spirit  
and in the grace of your Word,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

And now with confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.  
Now send us forth to reflect your light,  
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection  
until you come again in glory. Amen.

## Sending

+Hymn 536

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

+Blessing and Charge

Led by the Spirit,  
go forth in God's love.  
Illumined by the Spirit,

shine with Christ's light.

+Congregational Response 547 (verse 1)

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

Postlude

*O That I Will Be Joyful*

Merrell

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Worship Resources: Book of Common Worship