

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Martin Stellhorn

Welcome

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

One: God touches the world, and the world changes.

God touches us, and we are transformed.

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

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

All: **And through all the change we worship God. Alleluia!**

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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Call to Confession

God's mercy is higher than the heavens and deeper than all our sin. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Confession of Sin

Mothering God, we confess that we often wish to spend all of our time with you on the mountain top, where we are sure of your presence, where we feel connected to you.

We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we often fail to go back into the world to be your hands and feet. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbor and we are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world. Forgive us, O God, when our vision is limited and our actions do not live out our discipleship.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Children of God, we are forgiven. As a mother nurtures and holds her babies, keeping them ever so close, so God does too.

All: **God, we trust that you will continue to inspire us and stay with us, on the mountain, and through the valleys.**

*Gloria Patri

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**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, Amen.**

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~Hearing God's Word~

God's Word for Young Disciples

Sam Roethemeyer

Minute for Mission

Charles Wiles

Prayer for Illumination

Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story.

May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word and may we, your people, be emboldened to tell all of that we have heard. Amen.

Old Testament

Exodus 24:12-18

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 2

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Day By Day

Martin How

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Transfiguration

Sam Roethemeyer

*Affirmation of Faith

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. [The Apostles Creed].

*Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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~Responding to God's Word~

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad. You may also share any joys or concerns on the cards in the pews. Place them in the offering plate for inclusion in the pastoral prayer.

Offertory *Christ, The Life of All the Living* J.S. Bach

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* # 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.

*Offering Prayer

Use these gifts we freely share to lead us, Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your light, lifted by what is divine, and filled by the sheer delight of your presence. We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the world which longs for your love. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #451

*Life in Our Church Community

*Benediction

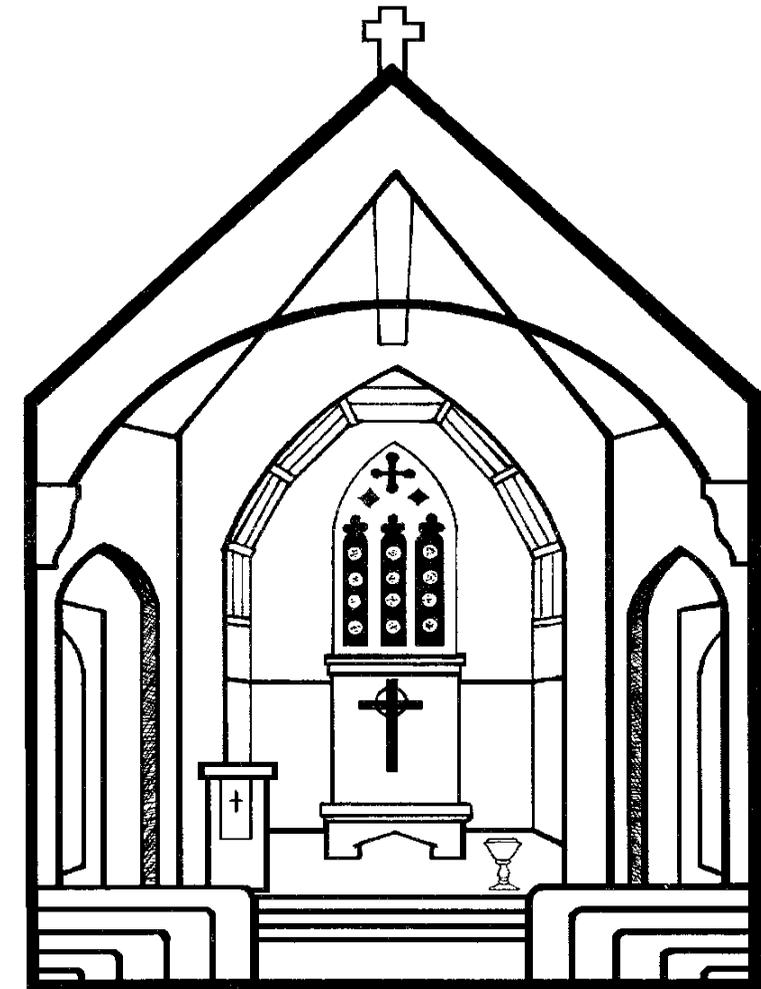
***Postlude** *My Refuge and My Strength* Lani Smith

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Transfiguration of the Lord
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