Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 27, 2022
TRANSFORMATION OF THE LORD

Welcome and Announcements **Joel Chupp**

Prelude "O Rest in the Lord" FELIX MENDELSSOHN/ ARR. MARTHA SETCHELL

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

***Gathering Words** **Bill Weiss**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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
transfiguring the world

transforming darkness into hope
bringing life from a cross
where old life ends and new life is born

In glory Jesus meets us here
raising us from the depths of valley to the height of the mountain
carrying the weight of our humanity
to the heights of heavens glory.

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

***Opening Prayer** **Bill Weiss**

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, never be unable
to tell all of that we have heard.

***Opening Hymn No. 665** "As the Morning Dawns" WAREHAM
Verses 1 and 4

Call to Confession **Cheryl Weiss**

Our words proclaim God's abundant love and grace for the whole of creation, yet we fail to embody that truth in our daily lives. In confession, we recognize our continuous need for renewal and transformation. Let us take the first steps towards a wholesome life by confessing the excuses we have made for not living into the reality of God's new reign present in our midst. Let us prayer together…

Prayer of Confession **Cheryl Weiss**

The presence of God shines all around us, and yet our faces are buried in our phones, and our minds are on the tasks that are left undone, oblivious to the miracle of the Holy Spirit that surrounds. Let us together lift up our heads and open our eyes to see the work of God that abounds.

God of the snowfall and coming spring,
Spirit of the journey that leads us to the height of the mountain,
We open our hearts to you and to one another
the many ways we fall short to live into the fullness of life in you.

We create schedules that add to the burden,
And further shelter us from hearing your voice.
We add to the shadows finding the worst in the world around us,
Rather than living as instruments of your hope.

How quick we add to the discord with one another,
unable to see your face in our neighbor
in our disagreements we often miss the transference
of our own scars, disappointments, and should haves,

Help us again today to be renewed by your ever flowing grace and unending love
Open all of who we are to your holy imagination of who we are yet to become
restoring us in your glory. Praise be to God.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Cheryl Weiss**

The One who call 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

Musical Response ”Reflection” TODD BEANEY

Prayer of Illumination **Joel Chupp**

Scripture Reading **John 9: 28-36** **Joel Chupp**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. **29** And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. **30** Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. **31** They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 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.**33** 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.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. **35** Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” **36** 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 **Uncreated Light** **Joel Chupp**

Hymn No. No. 190 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” GENEVA
Verses 1 and 3

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Bill Weiss**

Prayer of the People **Cheryl Weiss**

We ask through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn No. 314** "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" Verses 1 and 5 — CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

***Benediction** — **Joel Chupp**

Postlude "Prelude in G Major" — FELIX MENDELSSOHN

The service continues with fellowship.

To assure the safety of all, currently we are not passing the offering plates. They are in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to place your gifts there. Thank you for your generosity.

Note: Opening Prayer: written by Stephen Fearing
Gathering Words and Prayer of Confession: Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian, Apple Valley, MN

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Verses 1 and 4

CELEBRATING TIME

665 As Morning Dawns

(Psalm 5)



This paraphrase of Psalm 5 emphasizes shared human experience by beginning with the common hope that a new day offers new opportunities and by recasting the lone psalmist's voice into plural expressions. The tune is named for the composer's birthplace in Dorset, England.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986
MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
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WAREHAM
LM
(alternate harmonization, 320)

Verses 1 and 3

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1985
MUSIC: George Henry Day, 1940
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GENEVA
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

Verses 1 and 5

THE CHURCH

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bernadette Farrell, 1993
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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
9.8.9.6 with refrain