

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of light,  
you appeared in glory in Christ on the mountain.  
We open the eyes of our hearts now so that we may see Christ truly,  
and see you in your resurrection power.  
Open our eyes, that we may always see with faith your light within us,  
your glory among us,  
and the dawn of your hope that rises upon us. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Procession

C. S. Lang

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.**

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

God is Here

Hymnal, No. 409

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray:

**Almighty God,  
when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world,  
so often we seek to control it, to contain it.  
Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the  
ways we fashion the world  
and put ourselves first.  
We are selfish, God.  
We push aside your command to love  
in order to seek comfort.  
Heavenly parent,  
we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying  
bare our hearts and minds before you now.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

In Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE                      Glory To God                      Hymnal, No. 582  
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

*World without end, without end. Amen (x3)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Julie Forthman

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

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 him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

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

**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

To the Mountain Again

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal, No. 662

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Col. 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,**

**whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Hymnal, No. 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Hymnal, No. 193

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessings

John Behnke

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for February 18: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Our congregation is joining Presbyterian congregations around Oklahoma in providing diapers of all sorts and sizes to vulnerable neighbors.** All donations will be given to local agencies. Please bring diapers of any size to the church by February 25. Thank you!

We are having a **Potluck and Congregational Meeting following worship today.** All are invited to attend this gathering.

Please join us for our **Ash Wednesday service** on February 14th at 7pm.

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts. wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - panied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



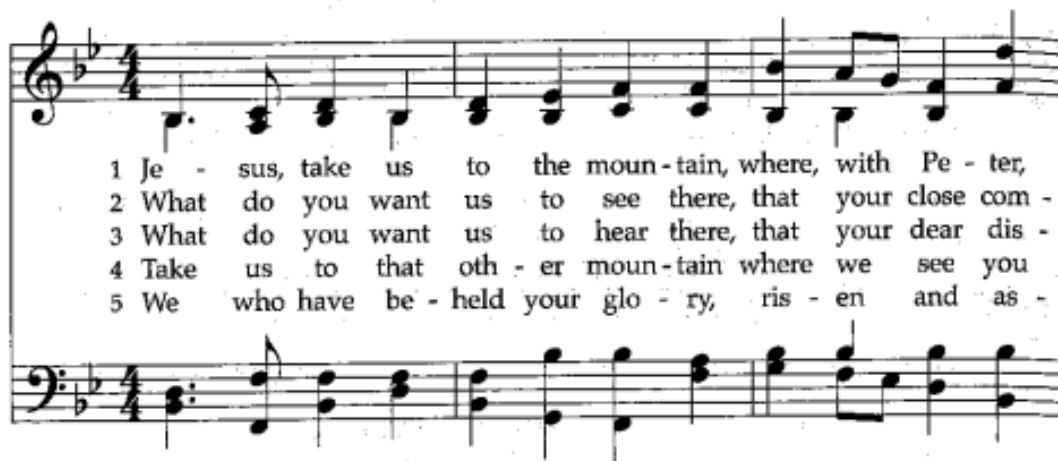
Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



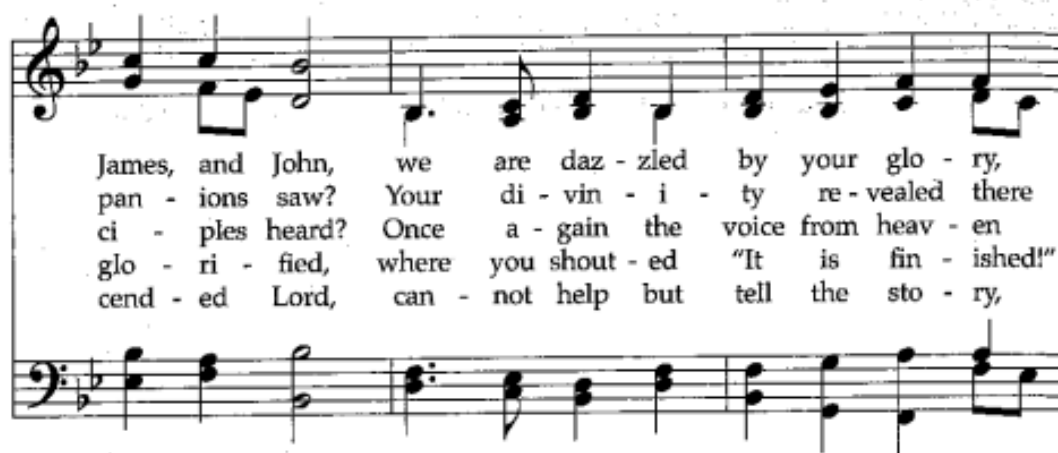
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



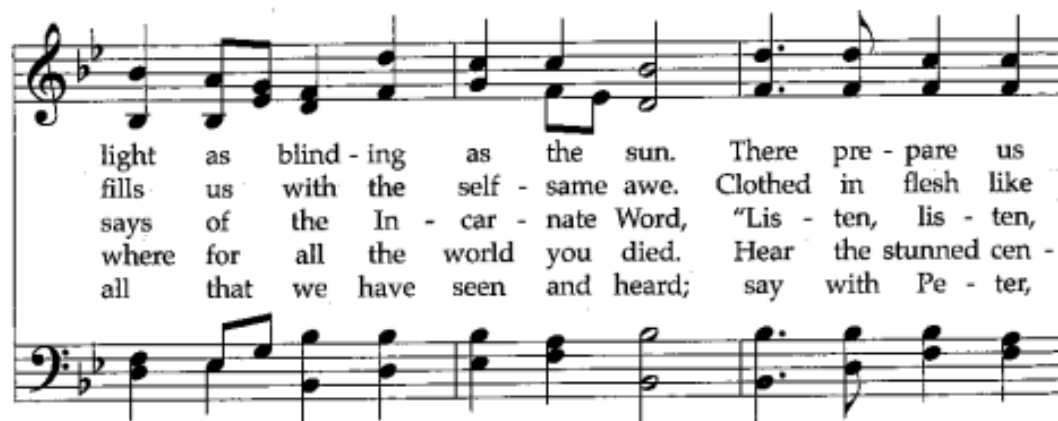
# 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



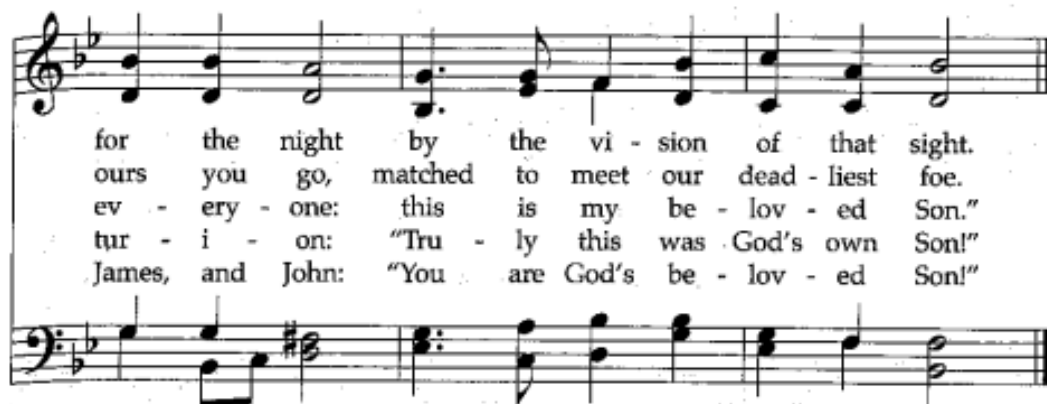
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."  
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"