

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2025

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God who dazzles,  
just as you revealed yourself in Christ  
at the mount of transfiguration,  
you send your Spirit now to work in our midst.  
Show us this day the light of your presence.  
Reveal to us your power and glory.  
Illumine our hearts and lives with your brilliance,  
that we might envision a world transfigured  
in your image. Amen.

PRELUDE                      You Satisfy the Hungry Heart                      arr. C. Callahan

## BRINGING THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the mountaintop,  
you call us to journey with you.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination;  
dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls  
and exhausted bodies,

**Transfigure our imaginations  
and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

**Transfigure our imaginations  
and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the midst of crushing disasters,  
natural and humanmade,

**Transfigure our imaginations  
and reveal to us what is possible.**

Move us from scarcity and cynicism  
and transfigure our lowly visions  
to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

**Help us to keep watch  
so that we might leave the mountaintop  
inspired to do your work of transformation  
in the valley below. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise                      Hymnal, No. 12

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts.  
You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left  
undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared,  
the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and  
violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and  
reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might**

**be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen..**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

\*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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Will Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

ANTHEM

Let All the People Praise Thee

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Mountaintop Experiences

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Hymnal, No.193

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life,  
who inspired the prophets and apostles,  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful  
lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.**  
*(Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith).*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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.**

...Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord  
until he comes in glory....**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG      We Are Marching in the Light of God      Hymnal, No. 853

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE      Postlude on Life High the Cross      John Leavitt

\*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 March 9: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for March are pasta and pasta sauce. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

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

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

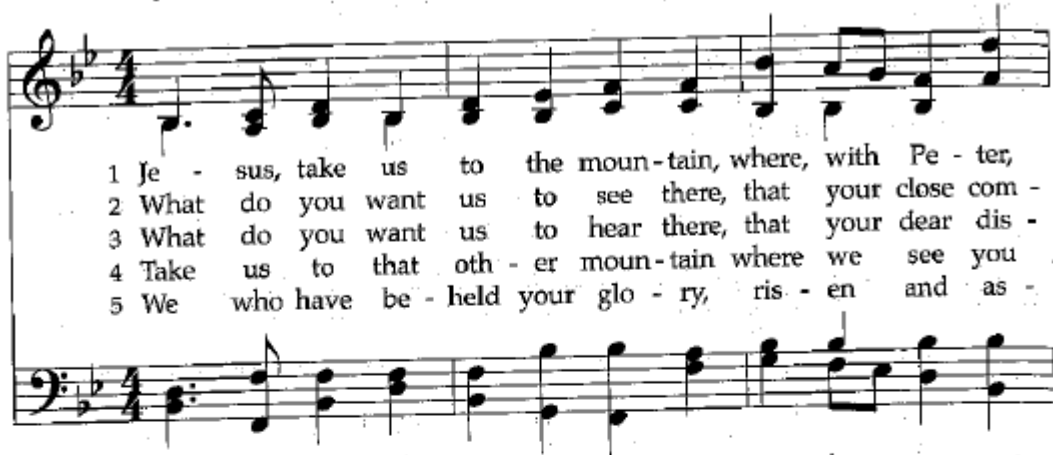
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

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.

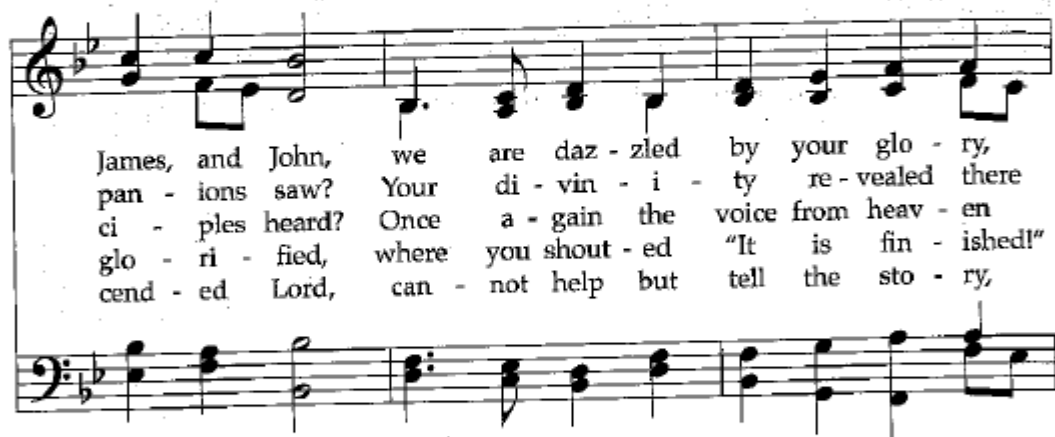
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

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!

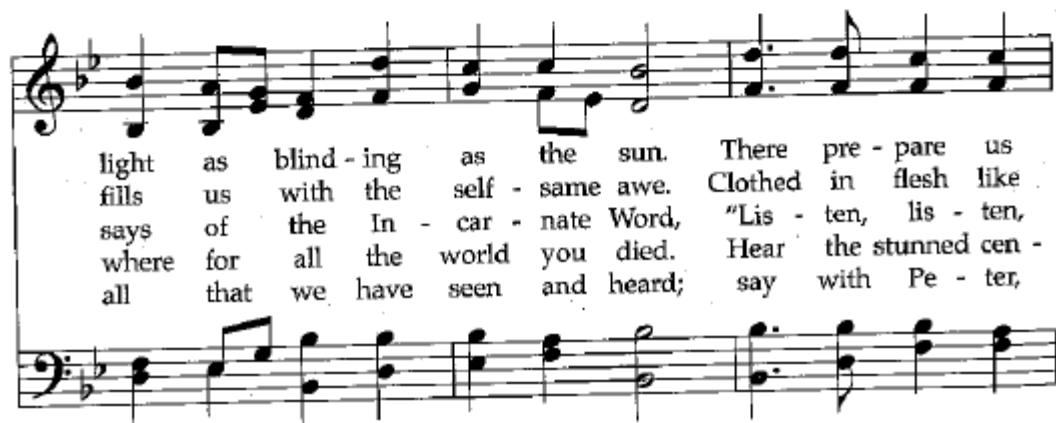
# 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



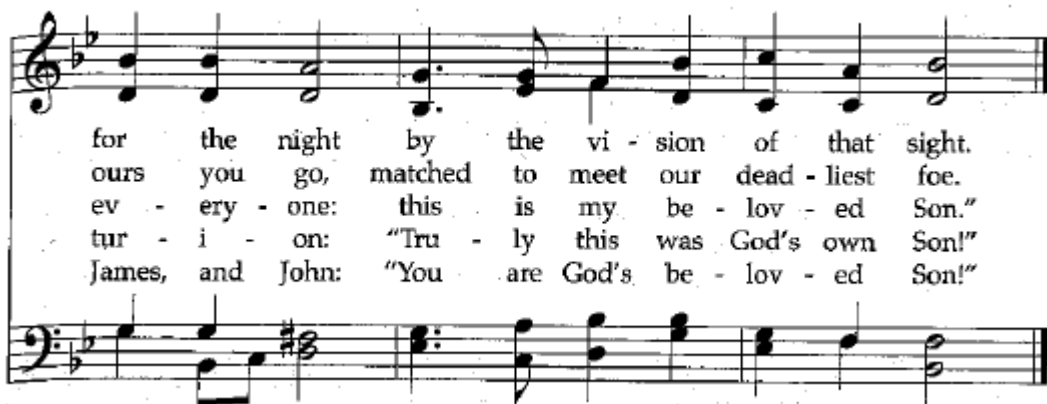
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you  
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



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!"

# 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
We are dancing...