



Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2024 10:30 AM



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fuge in C"

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” #182 vv.1-2
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

Holy God, we confess that we make false gods of this world.

We are eager to find hope in where we put our progress.

We are quick to find our faith in systems that ensure our entitlement.

We are tempted to find your sovereignty in situations we can control ourselves.

Help us not to proclaim ourselves but to proclaim the light of the gospel and glory of Christ.

May Christ’s light shine in our hearts and into the world. *(silent confession)*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the face of Jesus Christ, God’s glory and grace are revealed to us all.
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” v.3

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*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Arr. Carl F. Mueller

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

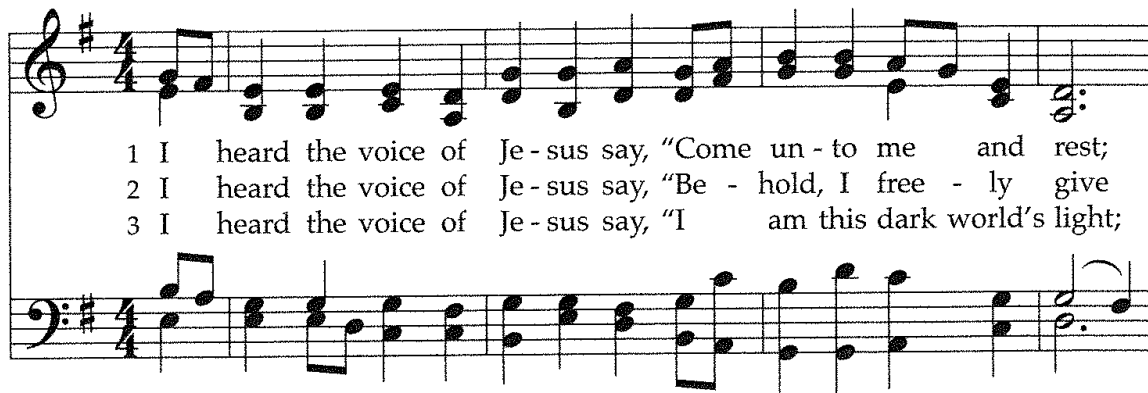
SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-9 Pew Bible pp.820-821

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

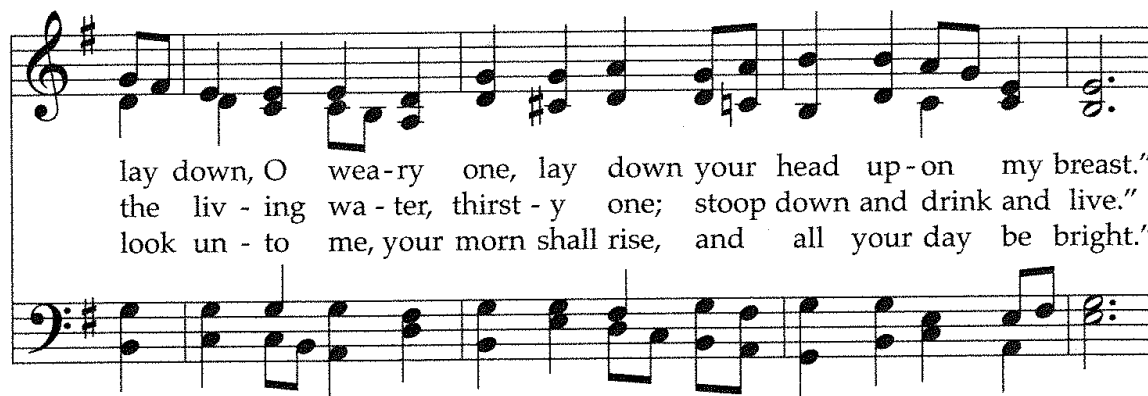
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SILENT RELECTION

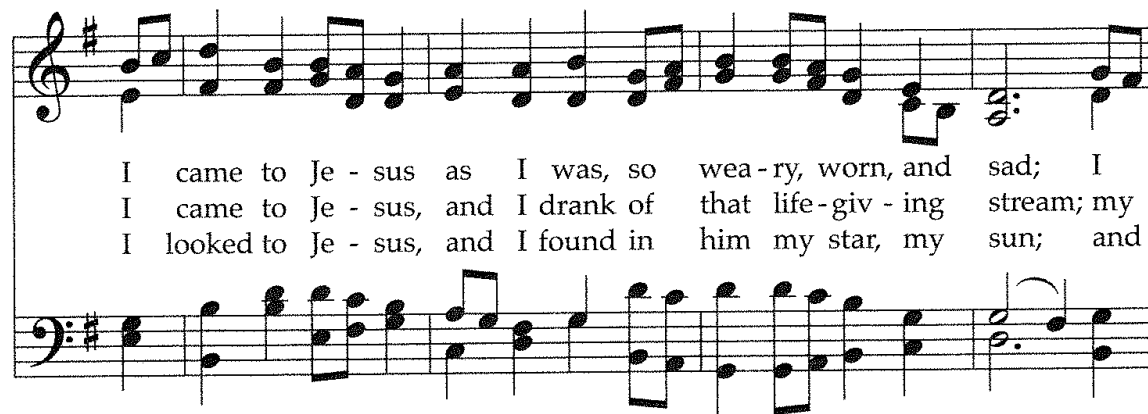
HYMN OF REFLECTION "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #182 *Glory to God Hymnal*



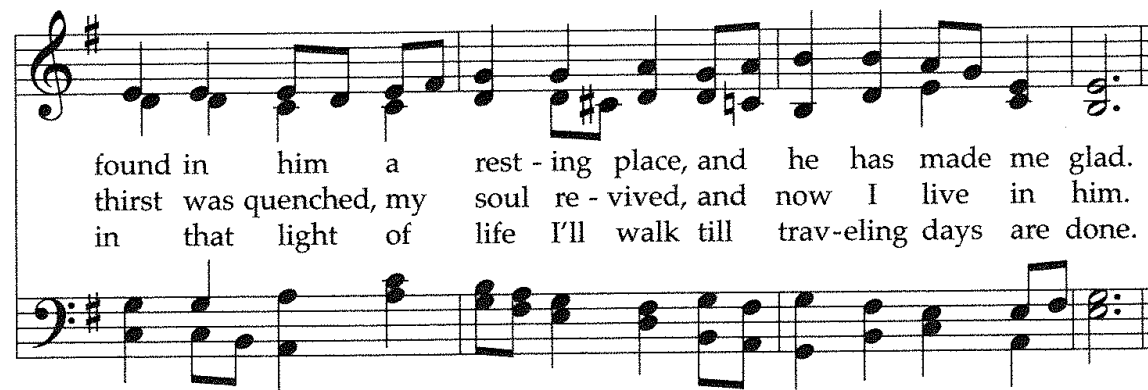
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

OFFERTORY "All Praise to Thee, My God" Paul Manz
(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).

*DOXOLOGY#780 *New Century Hymnal*

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

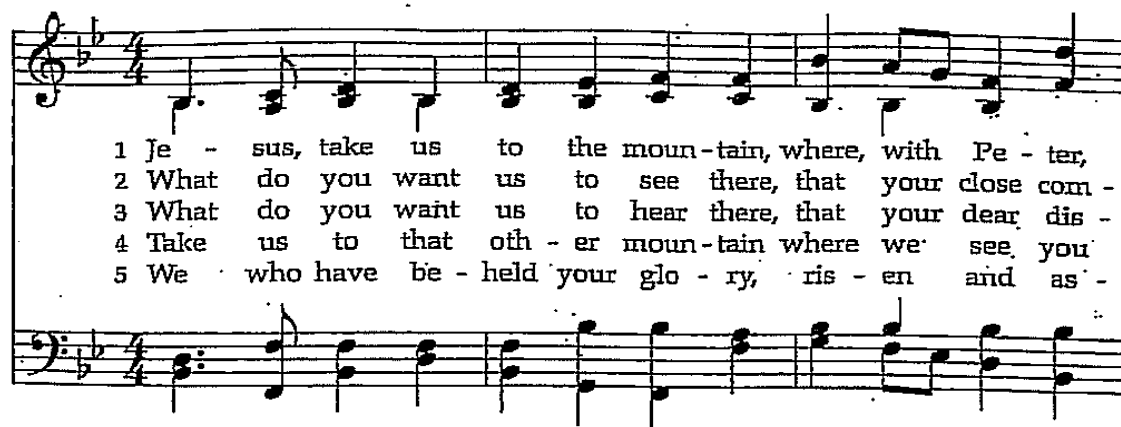
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

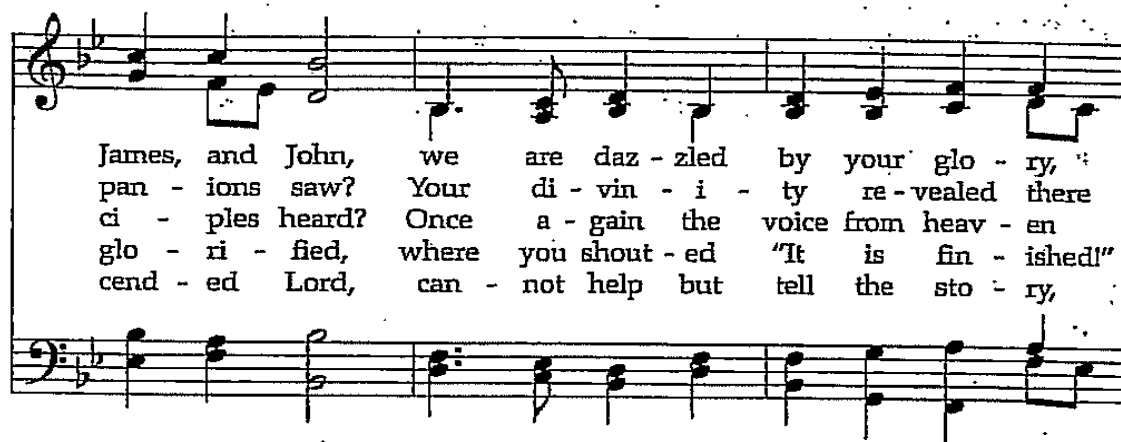
With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

* COMMISSIONING HYMN "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" #193

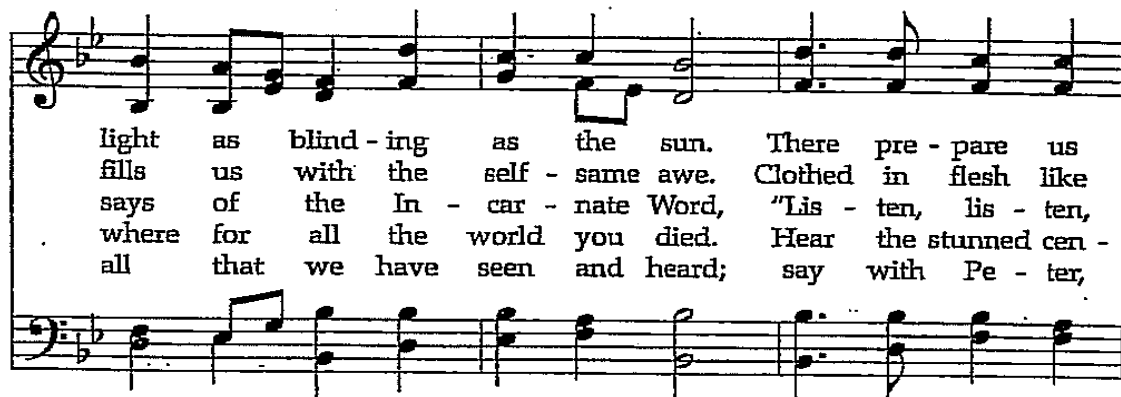
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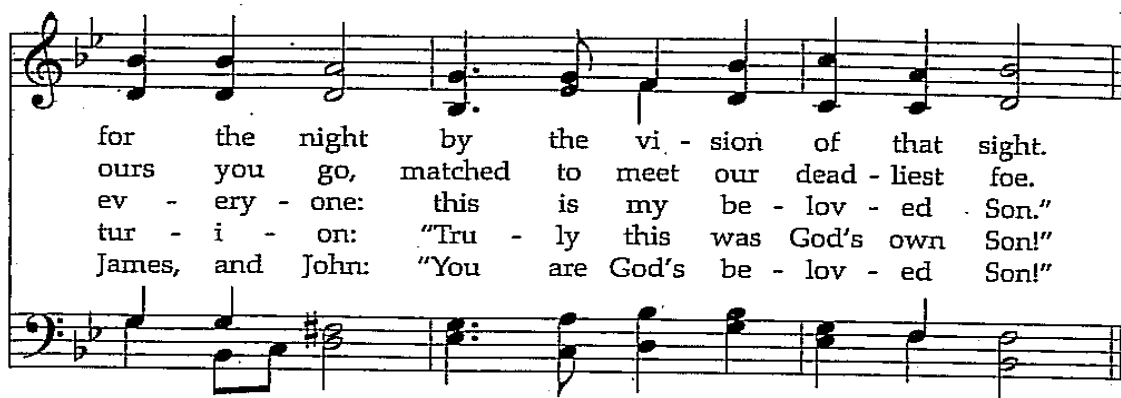
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



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!"

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" from "Melodic Suite" Charles Callahan

*Thanks to God, we at Hope United Church of Christ have good news to share.
And we should feel compelled to share it, because there are people in St. Louis
who are looking for a progressive and loving faith community.
When we share Hope, we make it easier for them to find us!*

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B
- (2) Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com
- (3) Adapted from www.re-worship.blogspot.com

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Hope United Church of Christ Statement of Welcome and Mission

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are invited to enter the big red doors of Hope United Church of Christ. We are an open and affirming congregation. We believe that every person is a child of God and all are welcome, regardless of race, economic background, marital status, gender, gender identity(ies) / expression(s), sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith history. It is our mission, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, to engage persons in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come, for all things are ready.

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