



Transfiguration Sunday
March 2, 2025 10:30 AM

GATHERING

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

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C" Dietrich Buxtehude

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

All: We have been called to pray and to praise.

One: We are called to worship and to order.

All: May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

One: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

All: May it become a beacon of hope for others.

***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.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

Holy God, it has been easy to live with our eyes veiled.

Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us.

We have shielded your light of love, instead of sharing it.

But we hunger for the forgiveness and renewal you revealed in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, Holy One, and unveil our eyes and our hearts.

With your shining love, light a path of forgiveness for us that we may share it with others. *(moment of silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Do not lose heart! God is merciful. Bit by bit, we are being transformed into the image of God's glory made known in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" v.3

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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Buryl Red

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36 Pew Bible p.843

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "Jesus Take Us to the Mountain" #193 *Glory to God Hymnal*

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!"

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

OFFERTORY "Andante" from "Partita on *Hyfrydol*" Charles Callahan
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God!

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. You made us in your image, and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with the faithful of every time and place:

Holy, holy, holy God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son and our risen Savior. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may be united with the living Christ and with all his people. Accept this our sacrifice of praise as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen:

Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS *(All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Communion! Elements will be served by ushers, and you are invited to hold the elements until we commune together. Wine trays contain white grape juice and red wine. A tray of gluten-free wafers is available from usher in center aisle.)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

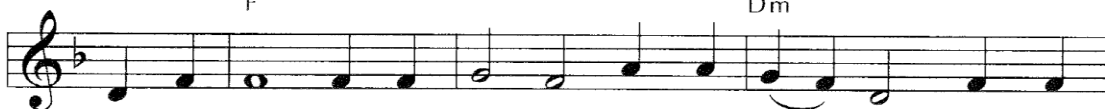
*** COMMISSIONING HYMN “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” #498**

Glory to God Hymnal



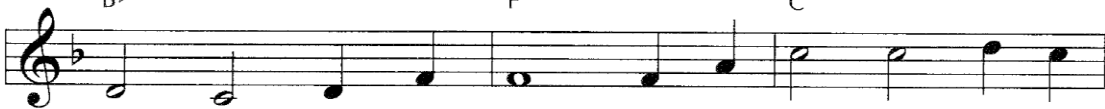
1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: “I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
 B^b F C



food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!”
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B^b C F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B^b F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune on *Amsterdam*" Jerry Westenkuehler

SENDING

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

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