

St. John's United Church of Christ
February 14, 2021
Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering Song *"This is the Day"*

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace *"The peace of Christ be with you"* *"And also with you"*

Prelude

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

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!

Hymn #161 *"See Our Lord in All His Glory"*

Call to Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory Be to the Father #704

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Children's Sermon

Diana Macfarlane

Special Music

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Lisa Fair, Tena Keeney, Eric Wadel, Erin Wadel, Gloria Crum – bells and piano

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Elements

We share in the sacrament of Holy Communion using the elements of bread and juice that we have in our homes. Our lives are consecrated as holy; so too are the elements that we partake of when we are gathered and when we are scattered. Please eat of the bread and drink of the cup as invited by Pastor Caroline.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

from the UCC Book of Worship

**We give thanks, Gracious God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Offertory Response

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

**O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.**

Prayer of Dedication

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Hymn #182

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Commission & Benediction

Postlude

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Special Thanks to everyone who made our worship possible this morning.

Join us for a **Virtual Fellowship Hour** via Zoom at 11 am. Our Meeting ID for this Sunday is 977-7299-8251 and Passcode is 903803. The direct link is posted on our website.

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1. See our Lord in all His glo - ry, now ar - rayed in
 2. See the burn - ing cloud a - round us guid - ing through our
 3. Je - sus Lord, we see Your splen - dor here and now by

daz - zling white! See Him shine in ho - ly splen - dor,
 wil - der - ness. Hear the voice of God our Fa - ther.
 dai - ly faith. In our ser - vice, in our suf - fering

bathed in ev - er - last - ing light! See the law and proph - ets gath - er,
 Hear the love His words ex - press: this my Son is pure and pleas - ing.
 we will fol - low un - a - fraid, on from glo - ry in - to glo - ry

lift - ing high the Liv - ing Christ! Lift - ing high the Liv - ing Christ!
 Hear the bless - ing that He brings! Hear the bless - ing that He brings!
 till we see You face to face, till we see You face to face.

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.