



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord | February 19, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace" | *John Newton; Rob Dixon, Saxophone, Steven Jones, Piano*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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!"

Let us follow the Light.

Let us worship the Triune God.

*HYMN NO. 189

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" | *DEO GRACIAS*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service.

All: We confess our failure to listen to you and follow you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world.

Leader: If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Higher Voices: If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Lower voices: If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless:

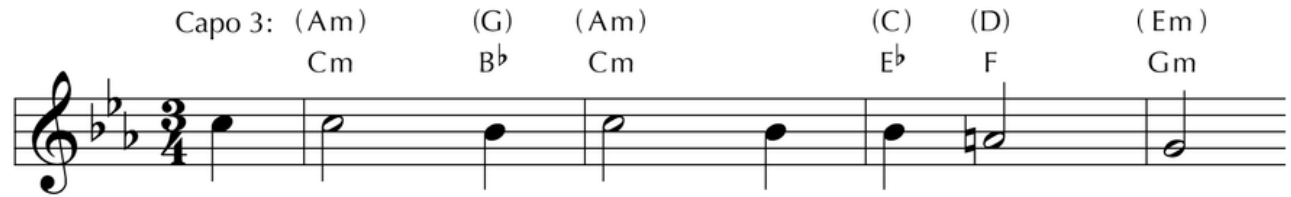
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**For those who are able, please stand.*



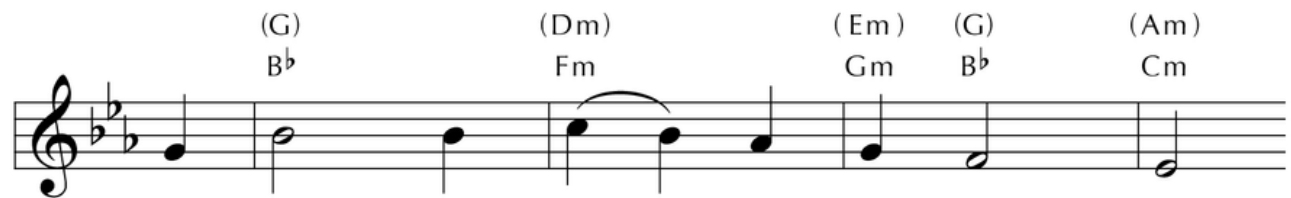
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high



of glo - ry that the church shall share,
how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
for which in joy - ful strains we raise



where bright - er than the sun he glows!
the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
who joy in God with per - fect love.
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Higher voices: If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Lower voices: If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance:

All: Forgive us Lord.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart
so that we might better follow you
revealing your glory in and through all we do and say and are.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, the good news of our faith is this:
if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.

**That promise gives us peace and joy.
Let us share that peace and joy with one another.**

***GLORIA**

"Glory to God in the Highest" | Carroll Andrews

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

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Lord ___ God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y ___ God and Fa - ther, we

f
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

*(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)
Children are dismissed to Church School.*



ANTHEM

"The Drinking Gourd" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas; Peace Choir and Chancel Choir*

Follow the drinking gourd.
For the old man is a-waitin' for to carry you to freedom if you
follow the drinking gourd. Follow.

When the sun comes back and the first quail calls,
follow the drinking gourd.
The river bank will make a very good road.
The dead trees will show you the way.
Left foot, Peg foot, travellin' on. Follow the drinking gourd.
The river ends between two hills, follow the drinking gourd.
There's another river on the other side, follow the drinking gourd.

When the great river meets the little river, follow the drinking gourd.
Follow the drinking gourd.
For the old man is a-waitin' for to carry you to freedom, if you
follow the drinking gourd. Follow.
The old man is waitin' to carry you to freedom, follow the gourd.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24: 12-18 (p. 70)

PSALM 99

Hal Hopson (b. 1923); Chancel Choir



SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17: 1-9 (p. 18-19)

SERMON

"Get up and Do Not Be Afraid" | *Brian Shivers*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"Transform Us and You, Transfigured" | PICARDY



1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,
2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,
3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,



Stood a - part on Ta - bor's height.
Once spoke with those ho - ly ones.
Would not stay with - in a shrine.



Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—



Search us with re - veal - ing light.
Of those saints whose work is done,
Time and truth we quick - ly bind,



Lift us from where we have fall - en,
Live in this world as your Bod - y,
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways



Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
Where our love is not con - fined.



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.

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"Total Praise" | *Richard Smallwood*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" | *UNSER HERRSCHERR*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Alleluia!

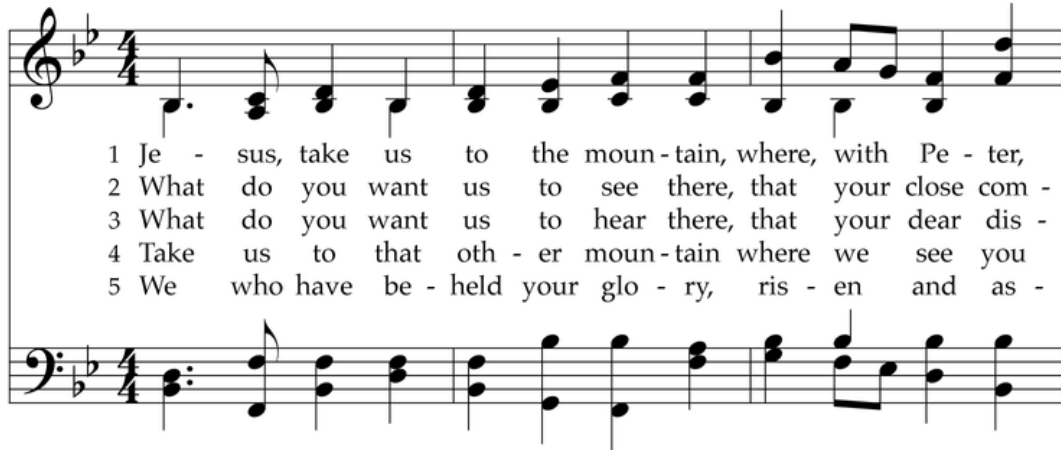
And now, may the glory of Christ, our King, be revealed in your life,
may his Spirit surround us in the mystery of God,
and may God transform our coming and our going.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Oh Happy Day" | *Edwin Hawkins*



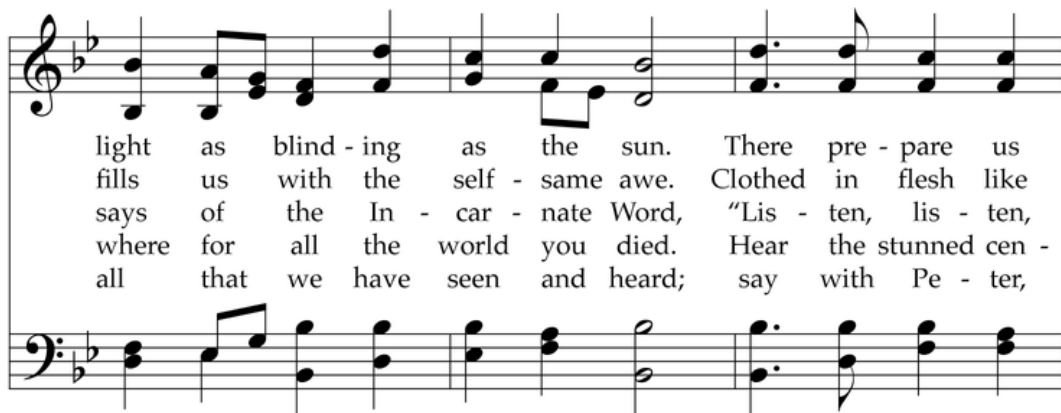
193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



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!"

IN WORSHIP

On this Sunday we observe the Transfiguration of the Lord. "Transfiguration" refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and baptism, as God again claims him as a "beloved child." This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

This morning we welcome saxophonist, composer, producer, arranger and teacher Rob Dixon. Mr. Dixon has collaborated, performed and recorded with numerous national and Indianapolis based groups including Illinois Jacquet, Rufus Reid, Composer Bill Lee, The Count Basie Orchestra, Weldon Irving, Ali Shaheed Muhammad of tribe called quest, The Cleveland Heritage Jazz Orchestra, Drummer Mike Clark, The Headhunters, Cyn Layne, Melvin Rhyne, Charlie Hunter, The Smithsonian Masterworks Jazz Orchestra, and the Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra. In 2012 he founded the ensemble the Indianapolis Jazz Collective. He is adjunct professor at IUPUI and Earlham College and is the Artistic Director for Indy Jazz Fest. Rob Dixon has said "I play in jazz clubs, blues clubs, concert halls, restaurants, and festivals. I have played for kings, queens, presidents, and prime ministers, and I have played for the homeless, the imprisoned and struggling people in third world countries, and everyone in between. Music has made me connect with people all over the planet and truly become a citizen of the world."

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Upcoming Events

Adult Education: Amy Nelson | Today | 11:15 am

Join us in Calvin Hall to hear more about Indianapolis' record of evictions and fair housing when we host another excellent guest speaker, Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI).

Community Yoga with Krista Wright | Tonight | 5:30 pm

Join us for Community Yoga on February 19th where no prior experience is required! To register, use the QR code to the right or visit us on our events page at northminster-indy.org/events

Ashes To-Go | Feb. 22 | 12:00-1:00 pm, 4:00-6:00 pm

Ashes To-Go is returning! On Wednesday, February 22nd we'll have the opportunity to come through the south parking lot to receive ashes without having to leave your car. This is open to everyone!

Italian Night Youth Fundraiser | Feb. 25 | 5:30 pm

Don't forget to make your reservation for Italian night! To register or if you are able to donate auction items, please use the QR code to the right or visit our events page to learn more.



Sound & Spirit: Abel Family Quartet | Feb. 26 | 5:00 pm

The Abel Family Quartet is a string quartet based in Indianapolis playing Mozart, Quartet in G Major, K. 387, Schubert's Quartettsatz, and Brahms's Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2. Admission is free!



Indy Fuel Hockey Night | Mar. 18 | 7:00 pm

Come out and support the Indy Fuel with Northminster for Racing Night! Fans in attendance can check out some race cars in the lobby and other racing-themed fun as we celebrate the racing capital of the world. Tickets are \$20.



Thank you from Pat Freije

I wish to thank my church family for the many many cards I received. They were filled with their love and the Lord's comfort. Many mentioned when they served with Bill as a Deacon, Elder, or on the Building and Grounds Committee. I will always treasure your remembrances and deep Christian Love.

Blessings Always,
Pat Freije

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