

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration Sunday – February 11, 2024

Responsive Call to Worship

God said, "Let light shine in the darkness!"

Lord, shine your light into our lives.

We see God's glory in the face of Christ.

The light of Christ is with us day by day.

Let us follow the light of Christ together.

Let us worship God with thanks and praise.

Hymn 814 Morning has broken

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 401 O Spirit of the living God

- 1. O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of thy grace,
wherever human foot hath trod,
descend on our rebellious race.**
- 2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love,
to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above,
whene'er the joyful sound is heard.**
- 3. Be darkness, at thy coming, light,
confusion order, in thy path;
souls without strength inspire with might;
bid mercy triumph over wrath.**
- 4. O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
all the round earth its God to meet;
breathe thou abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.**
- 5. Baptize the nations: far and nigh
the triumphs of the cross record;
the name of Jesus glorify,
till every kindred call him Lord.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

God of patience and purpose, we confess we don't expect you to surprise us. We think we know what you expect of us and so we're reluctant to consider a new challenge or a new opportunity to serve you. Forgive us when we are set in our ways. Work in us by your Spirit to keep us open to new encounters with you in the world as it changes so you will always find us faithful.

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**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, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 760 **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

**1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.**

**4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.**

**5. O Saviour, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
oh tread the city's streets again;**

**6. Till human hearts shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 50:1-6 p. 499 NT & Psalms

¹The Lord, the Mighty One, is God,
and he has spoken;
he has summoned all humanity
from where the sun rises to where it sets.

**²From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines in glorious radiance.**

³Our God approaches,
and he is not silent.

Fire devours everything in his way,
and a great storm rages around him.

**⁴He calls on the heavens above and earth below
to witness the judgment of his people.**

⁵"Bring my faithful people to me—
those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices."

**⁶Then let the heavens proclaim his justice,
for God himself will be the judge.**

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Scripture Lessons

2 Kings 2:1-12 p. 291 pew Bible

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 p. 310 NT & Psalms

Mark 9:2-9 p. 16 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Piercing the veil

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 275 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;**

his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

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

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

God of life and love, receive our gifts as tokens of our love.
Bless them so they strengthen the love we offer neighbour
and stranger alike in Jesus' name. May our lives shine with
hope in these winter days, as we wait for life to stir in the
earth and new life to stir within us through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 490 God of grace and God of glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude