



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

**Transformed for
the Journey**

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Bist Du Bei Mir

J.S. Bach/Arr. Hal H. Hopson
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Call to Worship

One: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come and will you see and will you pray?

All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

One: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

One: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

One: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

All: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

Introit

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

UMH 258

1. O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
3. The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.
4. With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

5. And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 9:28-36 (NRSVue)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem

Holy Ground

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Message

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Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Piano Interludes: Pastoral, Poem

Mark Dorian
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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

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 Confession

All: Gracious God, we tremble in the presence of your glory and power. Strengthen our courage, that we might look upon your love and stop shrinking away in fear. Embolden us to trust your grace, no matter how grave our transgressions or ashamed our hearts may be. Shine upon us with your mercy, that we may shine for all to see. Grant us confidence in both your grace and your abundant love. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

One: By God's mercy, we are redeemed and renewed to shine with the love of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Musical Setting

W & S 3171

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Prayer After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, Blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the Word, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, Blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, Blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, Blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

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