

Shine Forth! Be The Light!

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music (Chime Choir) All Through the Night
Traditional Welsh

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding** (Voices United 104)

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- 1 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.
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour 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.

- 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.

Morning Prayer

Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes; revised by Craig Courtney

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Reflection "Shine In The Darkness"

Hymn of the Day Shine, Jesus Shine!

Song by Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, 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 God'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.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
Through your love, I will enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on Your holy 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

Invitation to Offering (Alan Priestley)

Gracious God, through our offerings, we are given an opportunity to give thanks to God. We are given an opportunity to shine God's light into the world. May we make a difference in each other's lives and in the life of the world around us. Let us present our gifts.

Choral Response **We Praise You, O God** (Voices United 218, v. 1)

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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Bathe Me in Your Light** (More Voices 82)

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- 1 Bathe me in your light,
 O God of All, Creator;
 let it shine upon my soul
 with healing and with grace.
 Be to me a beacon bright
 through shadows of life's wounding,
 showing me the way to live
 in faith, in your embrace.
- 2 Bathe me in your love,
 O Source of Awe and Wonder;
 help me walk the sacred path
 of harmony and peace.
 May I be attentive to
 the musings of your presence,
 drinking from the well of hope
 that brings the heart release.

- 3 Bathe me in your grace,
O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways
that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage
that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of
a love that knows no length.

Benediction

Postlude Jesus Shall Reign
"Duke Street" by John Harton; arranged by James Mansfield

*Following the service, please remain seated for a brief presentation
on Remit 1 - Autonomous Indigenous Ministry.*

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Chime Choir – led by Margaret Chambers
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – John and Pat MacLeod
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Moira Dennis
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis
Scripture Reading – Lorne Holland
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley
Technical Support – Jiemei Li and Ron Norman
Fellowship Time – 2nd Sunday Brew Crew
Flowers for the service are offered by Ed Hickcox and Jiemei Li
in celebration of the life of Ed's father,
Reverend Doctor Edward S. Hickcox.