

# Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, March 2, 2025

## Introit **We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding** (Voices United 104, v. 1)

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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.

## Welcome

## Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,  
to Jesus be true,  
May God's gracious blessings  
rest always with you.

## Announcements

Centring Music Deep River  
*traditional American spiritual, arranged by Mark Hayes*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Friends, for the sake of love, we are here.

### **Gathering as the body of Christ.**

Reflecting on our call to be the church.

### **Deciding how best to embody Christ in the world.**

Striving for justice, compassion, humility, and peace.

**Letting the unity of our oneness in Jesus draw us together.**

## Opening Hymn **God of the Bible** (Fresh as the Morning) More Voices 28, vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5

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1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Refrain* Fresh is the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. *Refrain*

3 Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. *Refrain*

5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross. *Refrain*

## Morning Prayer

### A Time to Wonder

Anthem Come, Lord Jesus, Be Among Us  
*words, James L. Edwards, music, Lloyd Larson*

Scripture Readings Luke 9:28–36, (37–43)

## The New Creed

### Reflection “Mountaintop Experience”

### Hymn of the Day **Creator God You Gave Us Live** (More Voices 27)

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- 1 Creator God you gave us life,  
your image formed within our souls,  
yet through the mist of time and space,  
we search for that which makes us whole.

*Refrain* Through hands that paint majestic skies,  
and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page,  
we comprehend your mystery.

- 2 In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,  
we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love,  
expressed in our humanity. *Refrain*

- 3 When with our hearts, our hands our minds,  
we share gifts with all the world,  
our spirits soar beyond the veil,  
to touch the very face of God. *Refrain*

### Invitation to Offering

### Choral Response **Give Thanks**

*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks

### Offering Prayer

### Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

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### Parting Hymn **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** (Voices United 264)

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Music: Welsh folk song; arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839  
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- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Sending Forth

Postlude Sinfonietta

*George Frederic Handel*

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins

Welcoming – Atholl Malcolm

Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn and McKinley Taylor

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids

Morning Prayer – Carol-Ann Staples

Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis

Scripture Reader – Christine Cardy

Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley

The Lord's Prayer – Sam Boehner

Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Jiemei Li

Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine

Flowers are offered by Joan and Norman Guild  
in celebration of the life of Joan's brother Andrew.