

## The Season of Epiphany

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany – Transfiguration Sunday  
February 27, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus Christ, Light of the World,  
May we have eyes to see you  
And ears to hear you.

### Call to Worship

O God,  
We come today to refresh and to restore all that is within  
our hearts and minds. Like the disciples climbing the mountain with  
Jesus, we come expecting nothing yet prepared to experience your  
love. During this time together, may we find your wisdom, and its  
strength, for we know that your love restores and refreshes us in  
mysterious ways. O God, fill us anew.  
Amen.

### **Opening Hymn: Where Two or Three Are Gathered** (More Voices 14) (repeat 2 or 3 times)

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Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there. *Repeat*

### Scripture Readings

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Exodus 34:29-35

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Reflection

### **Hymn of the Day: 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.

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Gracious God,  
as we think of Jesus  
we think not just of prayer and quiet retreat  
but of a life of action,  
of tables overturned,  
of lives touched and healed,  
endless walks through arid deserts to the next place of hurt and need.

And as we consider our troubled, torn planet,  
even now on the brink of yet more division and destruction,  
stir us, we pray, to work towards  
justice for the oppressed,  
healing for wounded,  
comfort for those in despair, lost or alone,  
generosity where there is greed,  
harmony in place of hatred.

O God, lover of the world,  
from the silence of our own hearts, we bring before you  
these people and places that need your healing, loving,  
transforming presence...

O God, this is your world,  
Help us work with your Spirit to make it whole.  
Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Parting Hymn: There's a Spirit in the Air**

(Voices United 582, vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5)

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- 1 There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'
- 3 When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.
- 4 Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 5 When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world

## **Benediction**

Go forth into this week with the Spirit.

Go to live a life of compassion, of justice, and of vision.

Go forth as people sustained by God's grace.

Go forth as people bearing the light of Christ,  
loving neighbour and enemy alike.

Go proclaiming the good news of Jesus, our judge and our hope.

Go in peace, go in love, go in joy.

## Postlude

*Worship Leaders – Nancy Walker and Bill Cantelon*

*Music Leader – James Yi, Vocalists – Lorne Holland*

*Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey, Scripture Reading – James Lee*

*Technical Support – Sam Boehner, Karen Clark,*

*Sascha Enns and Jayda Perry*

*Flowers for the service are offered by Valerie Armstrong, in  
celebration of the life of her brother-in-law,  
Jack Armstrong who passed away February 17th.*