



*February 15, 2026*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Walk In the Light*

arr., Andre Thomas

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather on holy ground.

We stand at the edge of mystery and light.

**High on the mountain, Christ is revealed —  
radiant with glory, shining with the light of heaven.**

Before the journey turns toward the cross,  
before we walk into the wilderness of Lent,  
we are given this moment —

**this breath at the summit,  
this clarity of who Christ is,  
this reminder of who we are.**

Let us worship the One who shines in glory  
and walks with us into the valley.

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Public Domain

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...**

**Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine...**

*[Piano Interlude]* **Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...**

**Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine...**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Radiant God, we confess that we prefer the safety of the valley to the clarity of your light. When you reveal truth, we look away. When you call us forward, we hesitate. When your love exposes what needs to change in us, we would rather build shelters around old comforts than follow you into something new. We cling to moments of inspiration but resist the costly work of discipleship. We want glory without descent, light without surrender, faith without risk. Forgive us, Holy One. Touch us again with your mercy. Lift us to our feet. Steady us for the journey ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Beloved. [Silent prayers of confession]**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

Friends, hear the good news:

The voice that named Jesus "Beloved" is the same voice that claims us in grace.

**Before we succeed or fail, before we climb or descend,  
before we prove anything at all — we are loved.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are raised to our feet.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 587

(singing 2 x's)

"Alleluia!"

**Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 1109-1110) II Peter 1: 16-21

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 896) Matthew 17: 1-9

PROCLAMATION

*The Moment at the Top*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN (see insert)

"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"

Breviary / Knapp

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Beloved of God, whose glory is not borrowed but shines from within. We believe that on the mountain his identity was revealed so that we might trust him in the valley. We believe that his light is not extinguished by suffering, nor overcome by death. We believe that before we are called to courage, we are called Beloved. And so we follow — down the mountain, into the wilderness, toward the cross, trusting that the light of Christ goes with us. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING

*I Came to Tell You What Jesus Said*

\*DOXOLOGY 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD ONE HUNDRETH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN 192

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Graham Kendrick, 1987

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON  
(verse 1) **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**  
*Refrain:* **In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

### \*POSTLUDE

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