

St. John United Church of Christ
“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”

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Transfiguration Sunday (A)

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9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship

9:30 Sunday School for Children

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*Denotes all who are able, please stand.

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH A SMILE AND WAVE

*RESPONSE¹ ***“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*** #489

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

2 Peter 1:16-21

You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (vs. 19b)

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

We Have Come to Join in Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER²

Climb the mountain of God.

We will pay attention as we watch and wait.

Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

Climb the mountain of God.

We will watch for things worth waiting for.

And so, as we worship, we unite in prayer:

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in hearts ready to worship you. As you revealed Christ's transfigured light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your light to us. Transform us with your glory, that we might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness. Amen.

*HYMN

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

#245

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were

a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

pg. 68

1 Kings 19:11-15

pg. 311

ANTHEM *Down by the Riverside* Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 pg. 17

MEDITATION Mountaintops

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN ***"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*** #319

PASTORAL PRAYER & UNISON 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 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.

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY *All Things Are Yours!*

*RESPONSE³ ***"For the Life That You Have Given"*** #684
***For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

Light of light, even when our dreams grow dark, you bless us with your radiance and your love. Bless the gifts we bring before you now, that the world may see your light. Bless our lives, that we may shine with Christ and bring his hope wherever we go. Amen.

*HYMN ***"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*** #48

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*

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