

February 26, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Hymn MV #130 - "Rise Up, Rise Up"

Call to Worship

One: God touches the world,
All: And the world changes.

One: God touches us,

All: And we are transformed.
One: In the brightest of day,
All: In the deepest of night,

One: Up on a mountain,

All: Down in the valley,

One: Everywhere.

All: In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes to the

transformation of our lives.

One: And through the change – All: We worship God. Alleluia!

* Opening Hymn VU #413 – "O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

One: Do you not perceive it?

All: No, God, we confess that often we are blind to the new thing you are doing.

One: So often we are not looking, and sometimes choose not to see.

All: We are comfortable with the way things are—we weary of the call to your newness.

One: Sometimes we see,

All: But our hearts are hardened and we look away, making excuses.

One: But you call us to respond, to live in your kingdom now.

All: Forgive our status-quo caution, our focus on self-

preservation rather than on your kingdom.

One: Forgive our narrow vision and insistence that you fit into our

plans.

All: Open us to the movement of your Spirit, and give us hearts ready to be generous in response.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #104 – "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

The Word

Scripture Reading – Exodus 24: 12-18
Matthew 17:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – "An unexpected journey."

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Transfigure Us, O Lord"

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

Thank you for the love that's in this place; Thank you for the joy in every face. Thank you for awakening just begun; Thank you for your steadfast presence, O Holy One.

Pastoral Prayer

- * Hymn "With One Voice" (see insert)
- * Benediction / Response (MV #209)

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

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