



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Transfiguration Sunday*  
February 27, 2022

### Thoughts of Preparation

God loves us already and has from our very beginning. The Christian life is not about believing or doing what we need to believe or do so that we can be saved. Rather, it's about seeing what is already true— that God loves us already— and then beginning to live in this relationship. It is about becoming conscious of and intentional about a deepening relationship with God.

– Dr. Marcus Borg, The God We Never Knew

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**                      *“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (arr. by Lloyd Larson)*

## Tower Bell

### **\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Days pass and the years vanish and we walk sightless among miracles.

**God, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing;  
let there be moments when Your Presence, like lightning,  
illumines the darkness in which we walk.**

Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed.

**And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness and  
exclaim in wonder:**

"How filled with awe is this place and we did not know it!"

### **\*Responsive Invocation**

It's not that we don't want to change, God, it's just that change is really hard;

**the challenges of the world threaten to overwhelm us, the  
struggles of living each day come close to being too much,  
and so we are tempted to grab the quick-fix, the easy solution,  
and inevitably, we are disappointed.**

So we pray—

**reach into our hearts with courage and hope, and help us  
embrace the tough transformations, to make the real and  
lasting changes,**

to seek the truly good answers, for the sake of our families and communities, our countries and our continents,

**our people and our planet, for the sake of our very selves.**

May we find together and alone the strength to climb the mountain and see your glory;

**and then to walk to the cross, through the pain, until we know the joy and glory of resurrection. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Creatorex)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them. After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went into the Lord's presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again. When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the Lord.

## Gathering Together in Prayer Silent Prayer—Pastoral Prayer

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### Offertory Invitation

“All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit” [2 Cor. 3.18]. We give these gifts now, to honor God's glory!’

### Offertory                    *“Praise the Everlasting King!”    (Lloyd Larson)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.  
Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress.  
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; All our hopes and fears He knows.  
In His hands, He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Let us then adore Him, living God of love and grace!  
Earth and heaven bow down before Him; all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Amen.

## Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:28-43

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

### Sermon

"Daughter of a Sound"  
Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

### \*Hymn #247

*"Sing of God Made Manifest"* (Salzburg)  
(see last page)

### Benediction

May you trust in God's promises to his people: peace, security, blessing— even when they are difficult to believe. May you know that God's news is good news, nourishing, true—even when people tell you it is not. And when you encounter doubt, may trust strengthen your belief, guiding you in God's healing, whole-making wisdom and counsel! Amen.

### Postlude

*"Rigaudon"* (Andre' Campra)

**WORSHIP NOTES**

Today's **Call to Worship** is from Chaim Stern, Jewish (Reform) rabbi, liturgist, (b. 1930).

The **Benediction** is adapted from Jeff's Blog: [blog.wisch.org/category/benedictions-and-prayers](http://blog.wisch.org/category/benedictions-and-prayers)

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

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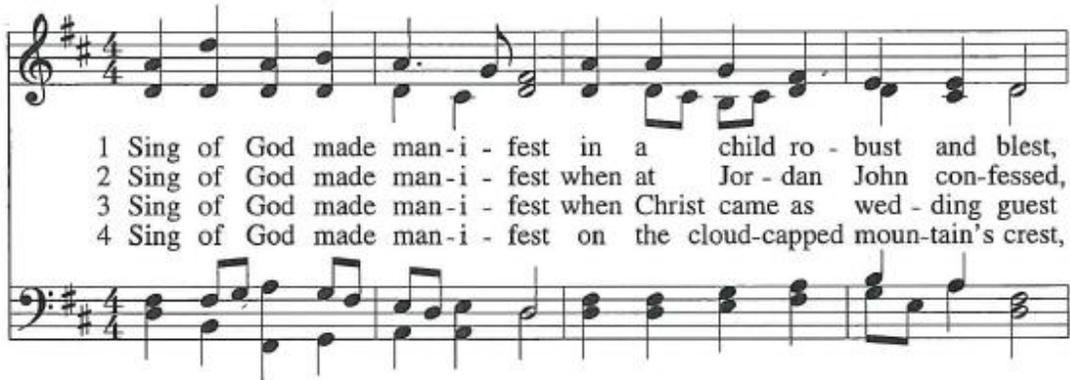
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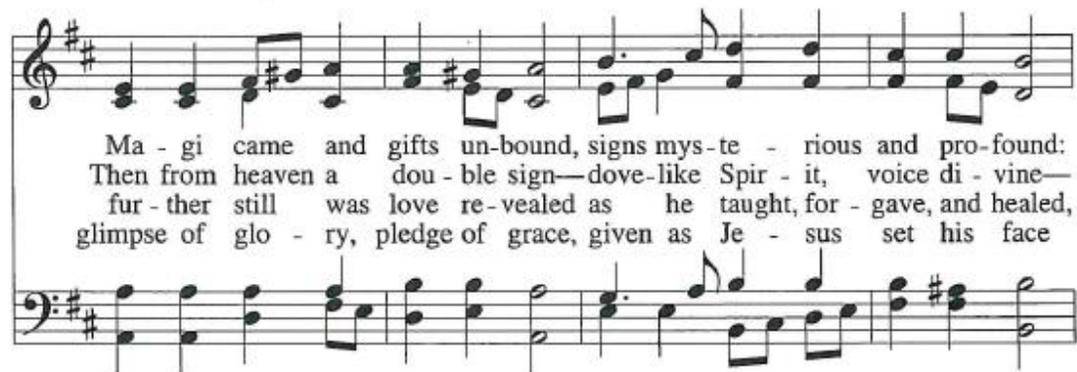
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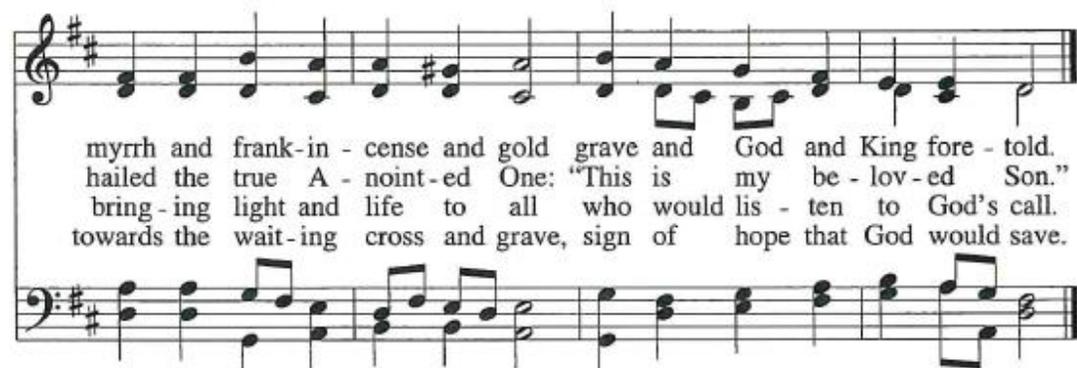
1 Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest  
 4 Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph-ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



Ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys-te - rious and pro-found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank-in - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov-ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.