

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
February 14th, 2021
Transfiguration

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Immortal, Invisible

Arr. D. Governor

CHORAL INTROIT Jesus Loves Me (Children)

William B. Bradbury, 1862

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting.

Listen, for the mighty One speaks to us.

Our God comes and does not keep silent.

Through fire and tempest, God is with us.

God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit.

We look for a vision to claim our souls.

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light to Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Let us see your glory. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of prayer. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts, and do not leave us, we pray, through Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

#562

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under

the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with doing so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil. There is freedom and quiet even amid our busyness. We are released from our slavery to things and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Put on Love (Children)

Mary Lu Walker

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CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

#180

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kim Bro

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p.1052); Psalm 50:1-6 (p.508) & Mark 9:2-9 (p.919)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

#15

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY How Can I Keep from Singing?

John S. Dixon

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Use our gifts, mighty God, to bring light where there is gloom, hope where there is despair, peace where there is turmoil. May Jesus Christ be proclaimed among us and around your world. May righteousness and justice prevail in spite of differences. May we inherit a double portion of the prophets' spirit to discern clearly the way you would have us go. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.

***HYMN** Fairest Lord Jesus verses 1, 3, 4

#115

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

It has been good for us to be together.

Now we scatter to share good news.

God has visited earth in human form.

In Jesus Christ, the beloved of God, humanity is blessed.

Light from the gospel has been revealed to us.

We are becoming lights to the world.

It is an awesome responsibility to reflect God's glory.

Ours is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love.

God will not leave us or forsake us.

God's presence is constant and dependable.

We depart with confidence and joy.

We will carry the knowledge of Christ in our hearts. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Blest Be The Tie That Binds *verse 1* **#708**

POSTLUDE Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad*

*All those who are able, please stand.

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2 Corinthians 4:3-6

p.1052

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 50:1-6

p.508

The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
He calls to the heavens above

and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness,

for God himself is judge. *Selah*

Mark 9:2-9

p.919

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy and catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 562

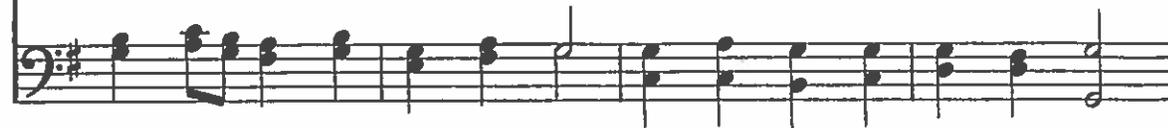
We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only . . . Jn. 1:14



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2. Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:



Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more your-self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

DIX
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Christ's Epiphany

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180 Christ upon the Mountain Peak

Jesus took with him Peter, James and John . . . and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. Mt. 17:1-2

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2. Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son: law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing; all the proph - ets and the law
in the thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name;
fade be - fore him; First and Last, and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him: Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!
na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1962
MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1985

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7.8.7.8. Alleluias

Joy - ful - ly pray for peace and good will! All of our yearn - ing
 O - pen all doors this day of his birth, all of good will in -

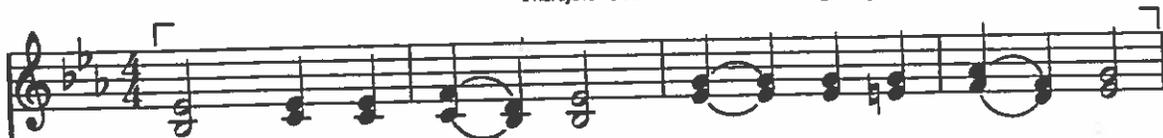
(tpts.)

he will ful - fill. Live in a lov - ing way!
 her - it the earth. His star will al - ways be

Praise him for ev - ery day! O - pen your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!
 guid - ing hu - man - i - ty through - out e - ter - ni - ty! His love shall reign!

Fairest Lord Jesus 115

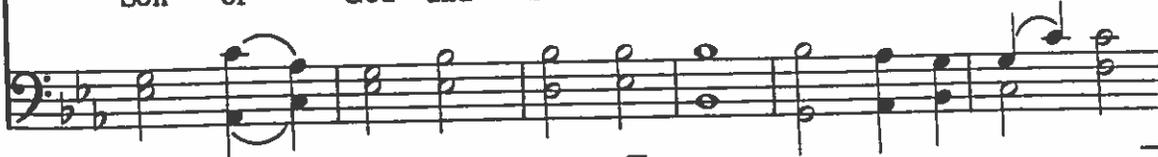
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place . . . Phil. 2:9



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



WORDS: *Cesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. anonymous, 1850; st. 4, tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873
MUSIC: H. A. Hoffman von Fallensleben's *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arr. Richard S. Willis, 1850

CRUSADER'S HYMN
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