

Transfiguration of our Lord
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Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – "'Round the Table"

'ROUND THE TABLE

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Come to- geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the
won - der, a heal-ing touch and a deep con-nec - tion
from the liv - ing cen - ter of it all.
Seek - ing mean - ing on the run
Bring a friend or e - ne my
Hear cre - a - tion groan for my life.
you try and save the day. But all is rea - dy
or one you hold or blame. With each oth - er
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of
will you come? Love in - vites the way.
we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our brokenness and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us, renew us and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Assurance of Pardon
(inspired by Colossians 3:1)

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that your sin has been forgiven.
May you be strengthened in all goodness.
Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, right alongside the One who creates the cosmos.
Thanks be to God; Amen.

~ adapted from a post on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together:

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading Psalm 2.

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,

against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

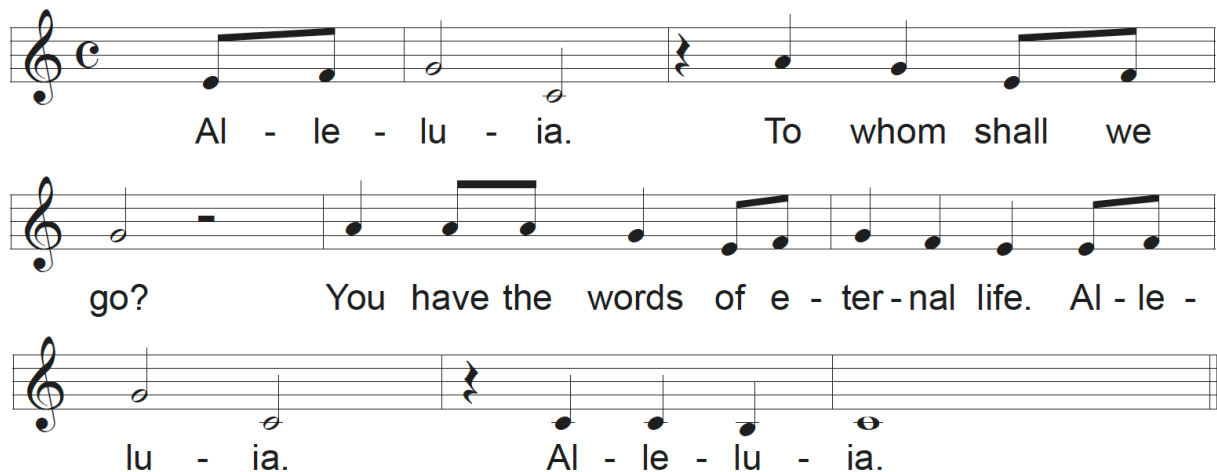
God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;

the LORD holds them in derision.

Then in wrath God speaks to them,

and in rage fills them with terror.
**“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**
Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
**And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;
lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

(Reader): Our second reading comes from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 17, verses 1-9.



(Reader): *Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus,*

(Side 1): “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

(Reader): While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said,

(Side 2): “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

(Reader): When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

(Side 1): “Get up and do not be afraid.”

(Reader): And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them,

(Side 2): “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God’s story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Andy Evenson

Song of the Day – “Dazzling Presence on the Mountain”

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 brings us now to sights un - seen.
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 as each life with grace is filled.
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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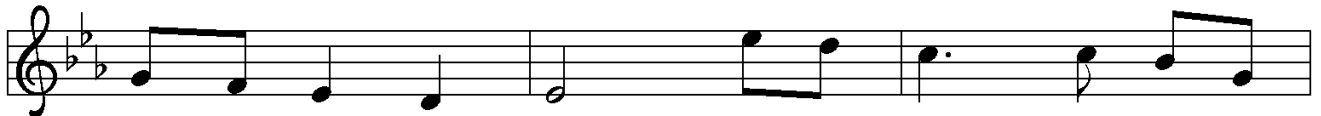
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: Lord, who is mercy:

*And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Offering

Worship Leader: *Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.*

The congregation is invited to be seated as we sing the creed today while we worship God with our offering.

Melody In Middle:

I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it, tru -
 I be-lieve in God the Al-might - y Lord Cre - a - tor, might -
 I be-lieve in Je - sus the Sav - ior of the peo - ple, Sav -
 And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spir - it, pow -

ly I be-lieve it, tru - ly I be-lieve it.
 y Lord Cre - a - tor, might - y Lord Cre - a - tor.
 ior of the peo - ple, Sav - ior of the peo - ple.
 er of the Spir - it, pow - er of the Spir - it.

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The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

**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.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Bind us Together", "I want to walk as a Child of the Light"

Bind Us Together

Words and Music by
Bob Gillman

♩ = 108

CHORUS

F F+ Dm⁷/F F⁷ Gm⁷

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with cords that

6 C⁷ B^b/D C/E F Gm/F F B^b/C F F+ Dm/F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to -

12 F⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ B^b/D C/E F Gm/F F F² F

Fine

-geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with love.

1. There is
2. Made for the
3. You are the

18 Gm⁷ C⁷ F Dm⁷ Gm⁹ C⁷ B \flat /D C/E F B \flat /C

on - ly one God, there is on - ly one King.
 glo - ry of God, pur - chased by His pre - cious Son.
 fam - 'ly of God, you are the pro - mise di - vine.

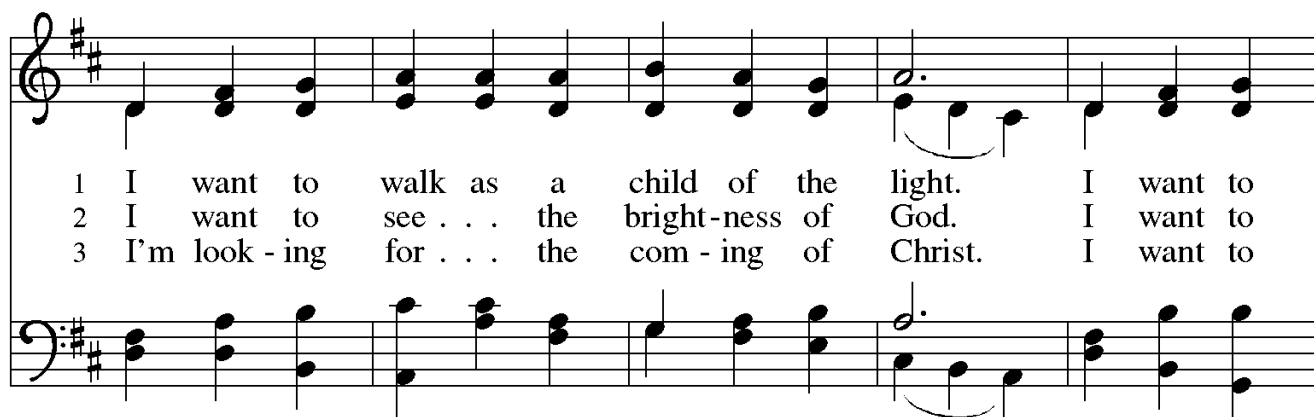
25 F² F Gm⁷ C⁷ F Dm⁷

There is on - ly one bod - y;
 Born with the right to be clean, for
 You are God's cho - sen de - sire.

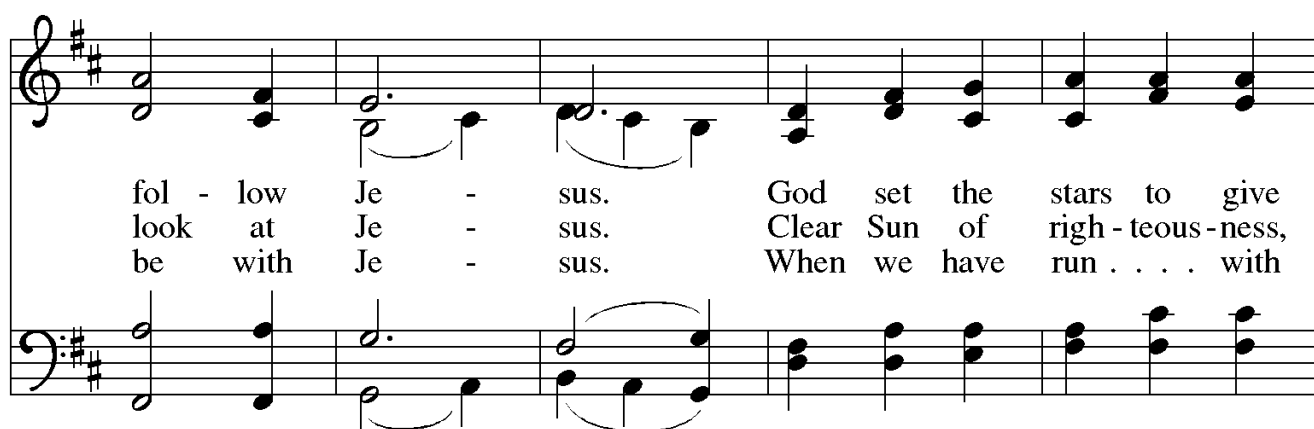
29 Gm⁹ C⁷ B \flat /D C/E F B \flat /C D.C. al Fine

That is why we can sing:
 Je - sus the vic - t'ry has won.
 You are the glor - ious new wine.

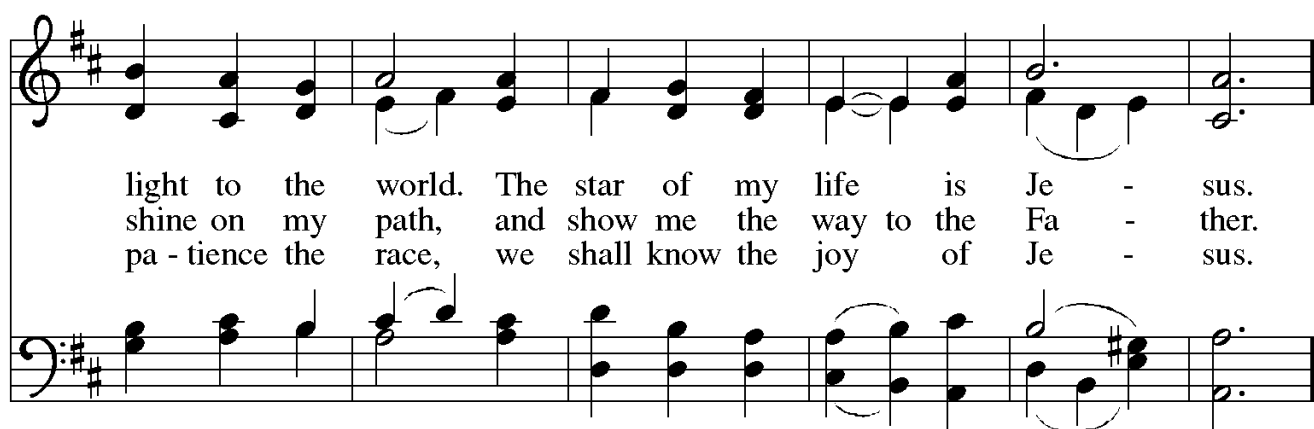
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
 strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – “Light of the World” vs. 1

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Cathy Pino

E^b A^b E^b A^b E^b

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

You are the light
 You are a cit -
 You are a can _____

6 A^b B^bsus4 B^b E^b A^b

_____ of the world _____
 - y on a hill _____
 - dle in the dark _____

so shine, shine, shine,
 so shine, shine, shine,
 so shine, shine, shine,

11 E^b B^b/D C m E^b A^b E^b A^b

shine where you are. _____
 shine where you are. _____
 shine where you are. _____

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

Final Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. *William Sloane Coffin*

Sending Song: "Shine Jesus Shine"

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

♩ = 112

VERSE

A A^{sus} A E/A A A^{sus}



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

4 A E/A D E/D C#m F#m D E/D



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on _ us, set us free by the
-to Your rad - i-ance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -
-play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our

8 C#m F#m G E^{sus} E G



truth You now bring _ us. Shine on _ me, _ shine on _
-sume all my dark - ness. Shine on _ me, _ shine on _
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on _ me, _ shine on _

CHORUS

12 E^{sus} E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A



me. _ Shine, Je - sus, shine, _ fill this land with the
me. _
me. _

16 E^{sus} E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A



Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, _ set our hearts on

Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

20 G E^{sus} E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A

fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with

24 E^{sus} E A E/A A D A/C# Bm E⁷

grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, — Lord, and let there be

28 **INSTRUMENTAL** A D/A 1, 2. E/A D/A 3. E/A D/A **ENDING** A D/A A

light.

Music to Send You Out

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