



February 11, 2024 – Transfiguration Sunday

Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Washington, DC

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Prelude

Blessed Assurance

William Ringham
David Yoder, Organist

Welcome

Donna Claycomb Sokol, Pastor

+Call to Worship

Grace Rogers, Howard and Mary Martin Ministry Intern

One: Great is the Lord—

All: exalted among the nations.

One: Mighty is the Lord—

All: King of heaven and earth.

One: Holy is the Lord—

All: beyond our understanding.

One: Let us worship our God and King!

From The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition © 2013 Faith Alive Christian Resources

+Hymn

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud
No. 113, The United Methodist Hymnal

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life endowed:

Refrain:

May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all
is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to I AM: (Refrain)

Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove,
Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love,
Energies that never tire: (Refrain)

Blessing of the Children

Lee Schriber, Minister of Engagement and Discipleship

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(unison)

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. Amen.

+Passing the Peace of Christ

My Peace

My peace I give unto you;
it's a peace that the world cannot give.
It's a peace that the world cannot understand;
peace to know, peace to live.
My peace I give unto you.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Patrick Rowley

(pages 169-170 in the New Testament section of the Bible in the pews)

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

(pages 41-42 in the New Testament section of the Bible in the pews)

One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Certainty of Uncertainty

Pastor Donna

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 451, The United Methodist Hymnal

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

MVP Moment

Mary Katherine, Cedar, and Natalia

Invitation to Give

Offertory

We Are Called

David Haas

+Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94, The United Methodist Hymnal

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+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 ways you would have us go. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.

- From Lavon Baylor, *Led By Love* © 1996 by United Church Press

+Hymn

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

No. 258, The United Methodist Hymnal

O wondrous sight! O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declares
how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

+Benediction

+Postlude

Postlude on "Kirken"

David Lasky

+Please rise in body or spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (The New Revised Standard Updated Edition)

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 clearly 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's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will 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 Christ.

Mark 9:2-9 (The New Revised Standard Updated Edition)

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 bright, such as no one on earth could brighten 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 set up three tents: 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.

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