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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

# FEBRUARY 14, 2021

### **WE GATHER**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

**Opening Prayer** 

God of transfiguration, glow in our hearts this day. Teach us what the coming of your chosen one really means for our lives and for our world. Help us overcome our fear of what people will think if we truly lived and professed our faith. Call us from our mountaintop experience into the world that so desperately needs us and our message of radical love, grace, and hope. Empower us to truly listen to your chosen, to live his words, and to imitate his life, that we, too, may be transfigured this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn #258 O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

- 1. 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.
- 3. 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.

- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

### **WE PROCLAIM**

A Time for Children Special Music Scripture - Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) Sermon Invitation to Courageous Acts

### WE RESPOND

Hymn #173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Invitation to Confession Prayer of Confession 3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

God of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, too often, we just don't understand, we just don't get it. We are sleepwalkers who awaken to a new reality that we just can't wrap our minds around. We want to remain safe and secure. reveling in our mountaintop experience. Forgive our mistaken attempts to build booths, when we should be empowered by the experiences of your leaders, prophets, and chosen one to live out our call to do and be what you call us to do and be in this hurting, desperate world. Help us really listen to your transfiguring message of radical, transformative love and forgive us when we veil your glory. May our mountaintop experiences strengthen us for work in your beloved world. Help us follow Jesus down from the mountain, and set our feet on your way. Amen.

# Words of Assurance

When Moses, Aaron, and Samuel cried out to God, God answered and was a forgiving God to them.

Know, understand, and believe that God hears us too when we cry out for understanding, wisdom, discernment, and, yes, forgiveness.

Know that the transfiguring God will cause us to glow with God's love and wrap us in forgiving, loving arms – strengthening us for our work ahead.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

# Offertory Prayer

Jesus called us to the mountaintop.

We saw his glow.

We experienced the presence of others.

In thanksgiving for this and for many transfiguring times in our lives, we offer our gifts, our resources, and our very selves.

May they be used to transform this world into the beloved community. Amen.

Doxology #70 Glory Be to the Father

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.

### **WE GO FORTH**

Closing Hymn #176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Benediction

Postlude

# **Altar Flowers/Worship Environment**

In loving memory of Sharon Schuetz, by the Schuetz/Nico family

OUR WORSHIP IS NOW OVER AND OUR SERVICE BEGINS





# HYMNS

Hymns are arranged by week in the order in which they are used in the service.
The Doxology is on the last page.

# O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair



# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



# 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty



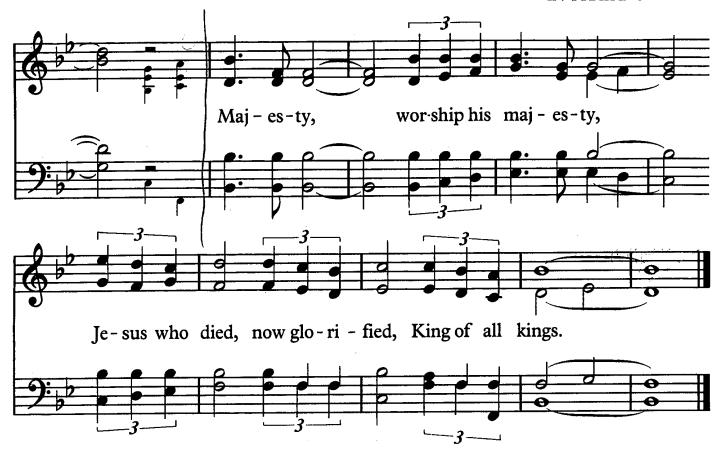
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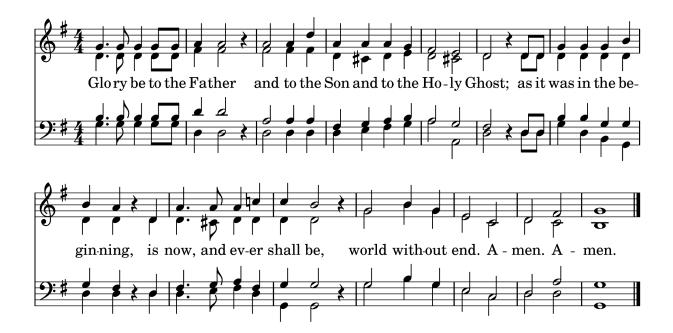
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# Glory Be to the Father



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## **Resources Used for Worship**

Breakthrough GNJUMC

Prayers of Confession: Holdfasttowhattisgood.com by Beth Merrill Neel

Transfiguration Sunday: 2016 Abingdon Worship Manual

The hymns printed in this worship guide are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing. Formatting may appear slightly different to accommodate this printed guide.



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# Morristown UMC's Statement of Welcome

YOU are a child of God, beautiful and unique, and you are welcome here. We don't welcome you here to change or tolerate you, we welcome you here to celebrate you. You are welcome here because...

We believe that all people are children of God and are of sacred worth, and we welcome you to Morristown UMC!

We believe our lives have been transformed by choosing to follow Jesus Christ and His teachings.

We welcome all who seek Christ and a transformed life!

We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word. We use our experience, our intellect, and our traditions to interpret the scriptures.

We believe sexuality is God's gift to humanity. We recognize gender as a fluid concept, and human sexuality as a spectrum. We welcome all expressions of both. We welcome all who are in the process of discerning or transitioning.

We believe in the full rights of LGBTQIA+ Persons in the life of the church.

We believe in God's grace. We are not perfect. So, we welcome all who are imperfect and are a work in progress, seeking to live a redeemed life.

We believe we are citizens of the kindom\* of God which has no borders. Your birth certificate is of no importance to us. Therefore, we welcome those born of any nation, who speak any language, who have any color skin.

We believe in family. We welcome ALL families, regardless of composition, recognizing that they may be made up of a single individual or many individuals. We welcome ALL persons into our church family where we endeavor to support and encourage each other in this life's journey.

We believe all children should be safe, whether at the border or in Sunday School. We have intentionally implemented safe sanctuary policies to ensure the safety of children at Morristown UMC. All children are welcomed, cherished, and protected here.

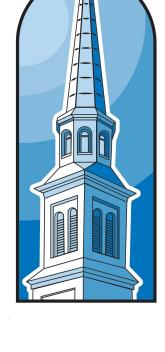
We believe in the diversity of God's creation, and we celebrate self-expression. So we welcome those who dress casually or formally, rugged or fancy, have not a hair out of place or not a hair on their head, are inked, pierced, or neither.

We believe in the power of God's love and we believe...in you.

Welcome! Welcome! We hope you will make your home with us.

\*This is NOT a typo

This welcome statement was adopted by the Church Council on December 3, 2019.





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