

## **Instructions for the Service Over Zoom**

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### **Sharing Joys and Concerns**

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

### **Recording this Service**

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour.

**Last Sunday of Epiphany  
March 9, 2025 10:00AM  
Rev. Rosemary Dawson, Designated Pastor  
David Cavallin, Music Director**

**PRELUDE**

David Cavallin

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Pastor: Let us welcome one another with the gifts of God's peace

**MOMENT OF CENTERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barry Searle

One: Come, gather together as a community of faith.  
Come to listen and speak with our God.

**All: God has invited us to this moment of meeting.  
We come with anticipation and wonder.**

One: We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.  
Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

**All: We come with boldness to encounter our Creator.  
We are eager to receive God's word for us.**

One: Live in hope and act in truth.  
Let the Spirit transform you in the likeness of Christ.

**All: We turn our eyes to perceive God's presence.  
By God's grace we will reflect the image of Christ**

**\*HYMN**

*"O Morning Star"*

Insert

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Barry Searle

**Glorious God, whose holiness and majesty are beyond our imagining, we worship you in awe and humility. You have revealed your glory to us in Jesus Christ, yet often we fail to comprehend your ways. Shine your transforming light upon us today to illuminate the shadowed areas of our lives. Let us hear your word with an awe that moves us to respond with our whole being. Change us from one degree of glory to another, so that we may respond to your truth, not just on the mountaintop but also in the valleys where you call us to serve. Amen.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Bless His Holy Name"*

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with - in me, Bless His



ho - ly Name. He has done great things, He has done great



things, He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly Name.

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

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This passage follows the events around the idolatry of the 'golden calf,' in which Moses destroys the stone tablets in condemnation of Israel. By God's mercy toward Israel, the tablets are replaced and the covenant is renewed, sealing Israel's relationship with God and with each other.

When Moses's face shines at the end of this story (today's reading), it is an affirmation of the renewal of the covenant and Moses distinct place as God's servant and the leader of Israel.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke 9:28-43

Matthew, Mark and Luke all place the story of the transfiguration immediately after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of the passion. This gives the transfiguration a strategic importance parallel to Jesus' baptism. The reading for today also highlights the dual nature of the spiritual life of worship and service.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen;<sup>[b]</sup> listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

## SPECIAL MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*"You Raise Me Up"*

Words and Music:  
Rolf Lovland, Brendan Graham  
Arrangement: Teena Chinn

## SERMON

*"Mountains and Valleys"*

Rev. Rosemary Dawson

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

\*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures  
 here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it, Com-fort-er; One God, Tri-une, whom  
 we a - dore. A - men, A - men.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We glorify you, O God, through these gifts and our lives. May they be used to reveal your glory in ways which proclaim Jesus as your chosen and beloved Son and transform the world in the light of your kingdom. Amen

\*HYMN

"Be Now My Vision"

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\*COMMON COMMISSION

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

David Cavallin

\*Please rise in body or Spirit



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## O Morning Star

1. O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own  
 2. Come, heav'n-ly bright-ness, light di-vine, and deep with-in our  
 3. Christ, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from

truth and light, a-glow with grace and mer-cy! Come  
 hearts now shine; there light a flame un-dy-ing! In  
 God a-bove a ray of pur-est plea-sure. Your

shine on us, O heav-en's sun; our on-ly Sav-ior,  
 your one bod-y let us be as liv-ing branch-es  
 Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood re-fresh our souls with

you have won our hearts to serve you on-ly!  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup-ply-ing.  
 heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!

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Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, all vic-to-rious, rich in  
 Now, though dai-ly earth's deep sad-ness may per-plex us and dis-  
 Let your mer-cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you

bles-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!  
 tress us, yet with heav'n-ly joy you bless us.  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

### Fundraising Dinner

We will be holding a fundraising dinner on Wednesday, March 19th, from 5:00-6:30pm in Parish Hall, to support Dave Prova's upcoming mission work in western North Carolina. Proceeds from the dinner and donations will help him to cover the costs of his trip, food, and housing.

The dinner includes shepherd's pie and salad. It is free and monetary donations are welcome.