

Transfiguration Sunday - February 14, 2021

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

One: God touches the world,

Many: and the world changes.

One: God touches us,

Many: and we are transformed.

One: In the brightest of day,

Many: in the deepest of night,

One: on mountain,

Many: in valley,

One: everywhere.

**Many: In this time, together,
we invite God**

**to open our eyes
to the transformation
of our lives.**

One: And through the change –

**Many: we worship God.
Alleluia!**

The Prayer of Invocation

O Holy One,

on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love.

Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence.

With each encounter we are changed and transformed.

Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.

Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.

May we walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing,

bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate.

Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.

Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying,

... “listen to my Child, the Beloved!” Amen.

The Gathering Song: “*We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding*” See p. 3 #182 (NCH)

The Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2-9

The Sermon:

The Time for Prayer (followed by *Our Lord’s Prayer*)

Special Music

The Recognition of Tithes and Offerings (followed by the *Doxology*)

The Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. Amen

The Parting Song: *“This Little Light of Mine”* See p. 4 #525 (NCH)
The Benediction

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Organist: Diane Olson

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

This Little Light/This Joy I Have

African-American spiritual

Matt. 5:14-16

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon-na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

Hal - le-lu - jah,
 Hal - le-lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.

Tune: THIS JOY *Ir.*
African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER

- "This Little Light" continued:
 2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
 3 All--through the night . . .

- "This Joy I Have" continued:
 2 This love I have . . .
 3 This hope I have . . .
 4 This faith I have . . .
 5 This peace I have . . .