

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

### PRELUDE

*Sing of God Made Manifest, arr. W. Wold<sup>1</sup>*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Matthew 17

Leader: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising  
born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

**People: a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we  
are that transfigures the world**

Leader: that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a cross where old  
life end and new life is born.

**People: In glory Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of the valley to the  
height of the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity to the  
heights of heaven's glory.**

Leader: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again

**People: "This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him!"**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 193

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain, Unser Herrscher<sup>2</sup>*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you call us to faith, but so often we walk by sight: We want fact to be truth  
and truth to be obvious. We seek answers that resemble what already lies in our field of  
vision. We value clarity more than reality, what we can see more than what may be,  
what conforms to our picture more than what shocks, surprises, challenges or con-  
founds us. Light of the world, forgive us when we privilege our own sight and thus be-  
come blind. Open our eyes to you – your deeper truth and your life within us so that we

**might look around us and within us and see anew. In faith, may we come to know you more fully, love more deeply, and see the world and everyone it as you do, according to your grace....** *(continue with silent confession).* **Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, regardless of how we see, we are loved by Christ, who came to bring sight to the blind in mind and spirit, who knows our blind spots, who forgives us, and gives us new vision.

**People:** **May we learn to see with the eyes of Christ. Alleluia!**

**\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 744 (verse 1)** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*, Festal Song<sup>3</sup>  
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Amy Poland

*After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, 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, "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." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## SERMON

*On the Mountaintop*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 274

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd, Picardy*<sup>4</sup>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 678** *Our Darkness is Never Darkness in Your Sight, Taizé*<sup>5</sup>

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*The Name of Jesus, C. Courtney*<sup>6</sup>

\***DEDICATION HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundred*<sup>7</sup>

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining, Shine, Jesus, Shine*<sup>8</sup>

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata from Suite Gothique, L. Boellmann*<sup>9</sup>

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Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

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