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Transfiguration Sunday

Radiance



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OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly

host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Phyllis Spencer

Holy God, present in our midst and yet beyond our comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou of my true word;
Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
Rul - er of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

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naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach Heav - en's joys, O bright Heav'n's sun!

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Thou my — best thought, — by day or by night; —
 Thou my — Cre - a - tor; Thine own may I be, —
 Thou and — Thou on - ly first in my heart, —
 Heart of — my — own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, —

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wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy — pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing and — I one with Thee.
 Ru - ler of Heav - en, my — treas - ure Thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O — Rul - er of all.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

[A time of silence is kept after each petition.]

Almighty, all-merciful God, lover of justice and giver of peace, hear our prayer:

For your people Israel, for the church of Jesus Christ, and for all who seek your face. For leaders and elders that they will abide by your commandments.

For the earth that you have made, trembling for redemption and re-creation.

For those who are tormented by the demons of illness, addiction, and grief.

Let our lives and our world be transfigured by your glory and transformed by your love; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” – The Music Team

*The **LWCC Vocal Quartet** joins us today
in memory of **Joanna Matos**, courtesy of **The Matos Family**.*

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with your love and glo - ry.
Blaze, Spi - rit, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.
Flow, ri - ver, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light! —

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and starts at measure 13. The lyrics are 'Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with your love and glo - ry.' The second staff starts at measure 17 with the lyrics 'Blaze, Spi - rit, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.' The third staff starts at measure 21 with the lyrics 'Flow, ri - ver, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.' The fourth staff starts at measure 25 with the lyrics 'Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light! —'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When 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.

2 Corinthians 3:17 - 4:2

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
⁴Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

MESSAGE: "Radiance" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and his clothes become dazzling white. In Second Corinthians it is we who are transfigured. How have you considered your faith in the past — have you tried to enclose or hide the radiance of God like the disciples on the mountain with Jesus or have you tried to reflect the radiance of God in the world? For most if not all of us, we are both hidiers and shiners. What causes you to hide the light and what might you do to shine a little brighter into the darkness of the days ahead?

REFLECTION: "Amazing Grace" — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

THE LORD'S SUPPER | HOLY COMMUNION | THE EUCHARIST:

We offer both white and red grape juice. If you are afraid of spilling red grape juice, a limited number of cups with white grape juice are provided.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Here at Community Church, we celebrate "Open Communion." Anyone who wishes to commune may come to God's Table. You do not have to be sinless; God forgives you. You do not have to be perfect; God encourages you to grow. You need not belong to any church; God invites all people to this meal. It is enough to love and follow God with all your heart. This is what God asks us to do. Come to God's Table in faith this day. Go from this place to live, and never be the same again. Let us commune as siblings in Christ.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Ushers, please come forward and distribute the elements]

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away from your way of love, and our love for you and your creation failed, your love for us remained steadfast.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,". The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "Heav - en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the". The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "high - est, _____ Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. ____". The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____ ho - san - na in the high - est.".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,

Heav - en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the

high - est, _____ Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. ____

____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____ ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By his teachings and practice of your way of love, he knit together this new body we call the church.

He prayed that we might be one, as he is one with you, and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; we are one body as we share in the bread together. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant, an ongoing sign of God's love for you and all of God's very good creation. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your teachings and acts of love in Jesus Christ, we recommit ourselves to your way of love and pledge to live by the leading of your Holy Spirit, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the symbols of your love and desire for us to be your body knit together to build the new creation, your paradise here with us.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kin-dom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD:

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

THE SHARING OF THE CUP:

The bread which we have eaten is a sharing in the bread of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is the sharing in the cup of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

We serve God with freedom, we worship God with joy. In freedom and in joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “How Beautiful” — Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

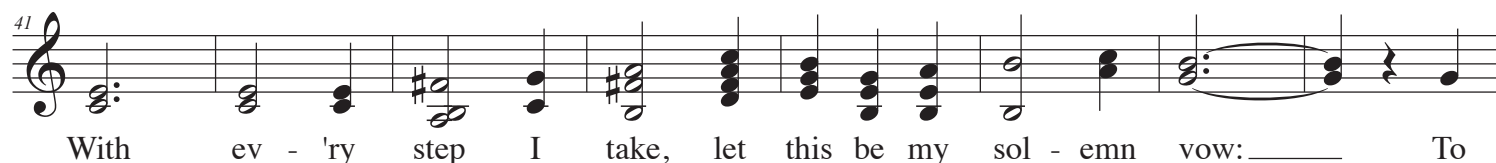
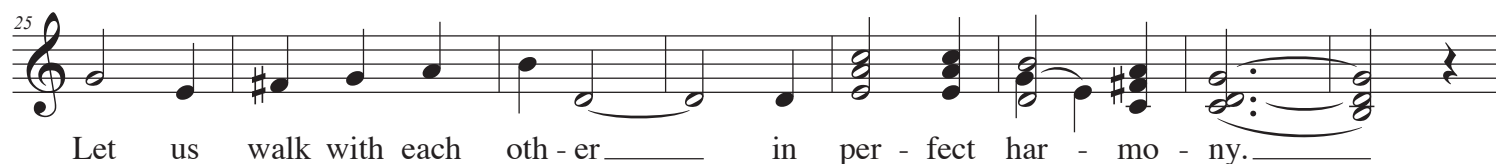
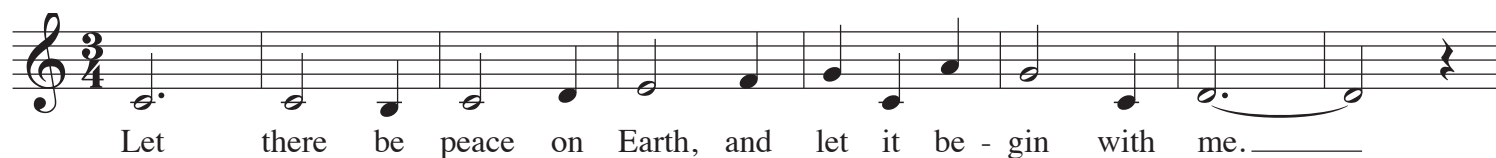
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Holy are you, O God!

We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteous, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

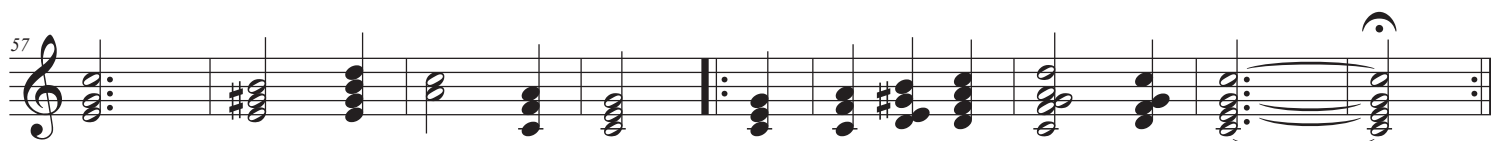


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take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly;

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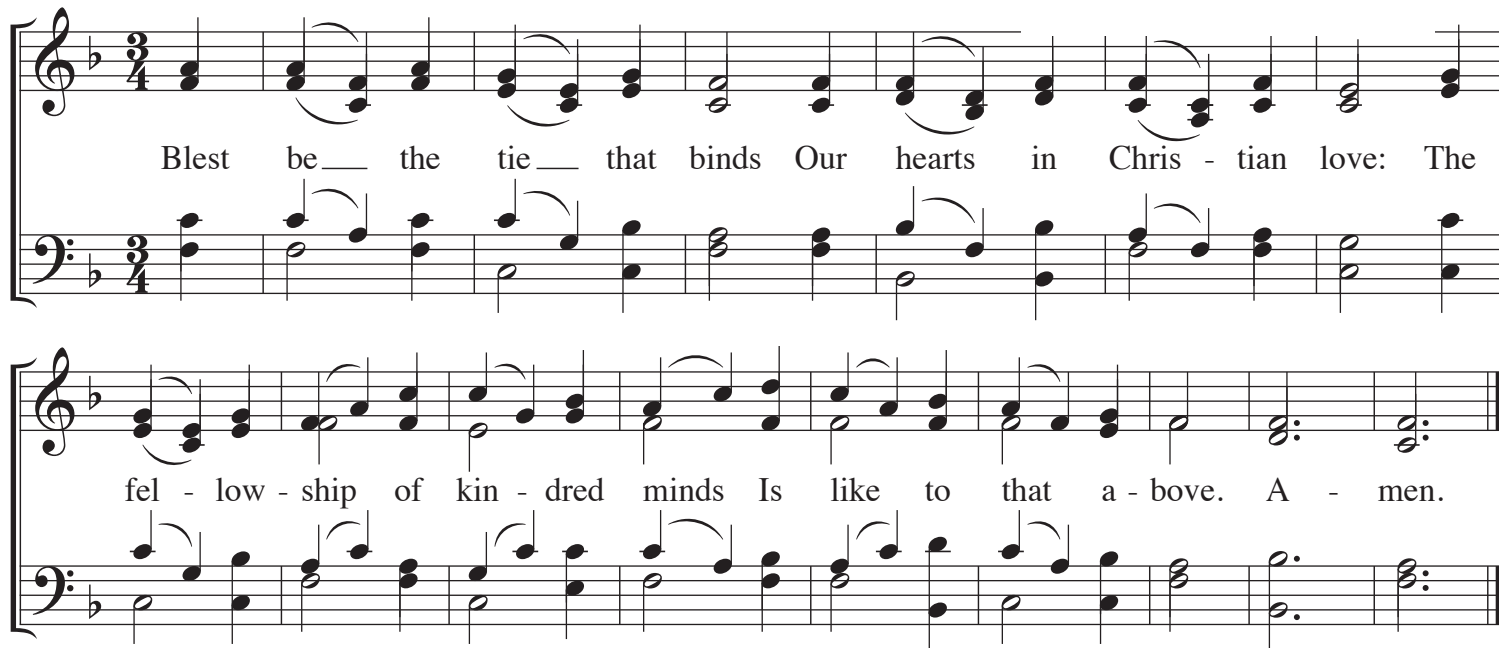


Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me.

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Since we have such hope, live and act with boldness! Love and serve in the freedom of the Spirit. And may the glory of God shine upon you, the Word of God live within you, and the Spirit empower you to shine through this season. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*
Kara Brouelette, *Mezzo-Soprano*

Jennifer Scoullar, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist*
Jim Orr, *Bass*

Doxology (Old Hundredth LM)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"Be Thou My Vision"
Traditional Irish *SLANE*; Arr. Jack Schrader
Text: 8th Century Irish Hymn Translated by
Mary E. Byrne Vers. Eleanor H. Hull

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"
Words & Music by Graham Kendrick;
Arranged by Jack Schrader; © 1987, 1992
Make Way Music, c/o Integrity Music

"Amazing Grace"
Traditional American *NEW BRITAIN* by William
Walker. Piano Arrangement by Mark Hayes.

"How Beautiful"
Music & Words by Twila Paris; Arranged by
Lloyd Larson; © 1990 Ariose Music and
Mountain Spring Music

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee Music, Beverly Hills, California

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are in need of prayer for any specific concerns or challenges, please contact the Church Office at 562-431-2503. We'll include your prayer request in this space.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and FELLOWSHIP: Today's flowers are provided by Steve Martinez. Fellowship Refreshments are provided by Jenny Chang. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday. This year we're changing things up as we head toward Easter. Skip the ash, we're goin' pure **glitter!** Our Lenten Theme is "Re:Thinking Lent — 45 Days of Kindness." *Wait, Lent is 40 days*, you might be thinking. That's true, in Lent the Sundays are "mini-Easters" and you get a break from fasting. But! when the season is one of Kindness, well there's always time for Kindness, even on Sunday – especially on Sunday? As before, we'll offer biodegradable skin-safe glitter, drive-up or walk-up outside the church by the sliding doors. Glitter will be available wither on your forehead or on the back of your hand between 11 AM and 1 PM. You'll also receive a calendar of *45 Days of Kindness*. This year, as we work on reflecting the light and love of God within us, let's make a point to be dazzling!

END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive an End-of-Year Giving Statement of your 2024 donations, please see Phyllis Spencer.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR: This Thursday, March 6th, join Pastor Johan for Coffee with the Pastor, a weekly time of fellowship & check-in over coffee, & perhaps a little conversation around the book *Cultivating Christlikeness: Loving as Jesus Loved*.

DOLLAR CLEARANCE SALE: *Everything* must go for only \$1! On Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 9 AM to 1 PM, swing on by Community Church for the deal of the century! ALL items on **CLEARANCE** for just **\$1**. You see it, you want it, you drop a buck, it's yours! *Note: LWCC is NOT accepting donations for this sale. Please DON'T bring items to the church.*

March 2, 2025



**GROW
PRAY
STUDY**

Notes from the Service

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My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, as morning dawns, be my light in this new day. May my life reflect your glory, my words show forth your goodness, and my actions shine with your kindness; in your holy name I pray. Amen.

*Consider The Upper Room Daily Devotional
as a resource for Midday Prayer.*

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, as evening comes, be my light and hope in the darkness. Draw near to me in love, surround me with your presence, and fill me with your peace; in your holy name I pray. Amen.