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Transfiguration Sunday

REFLECTION

“If you know what it is like to be tired, to be misunderstood, to have people seeking you out for what you can do for them, and other people criticizing you and working against you, you have a little something in common with Jesus. And if you have ever been filled with dread at what lies ahead, you have a little something in common with Jesus.”

~ Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome

arr. David Gale

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless one another, love one another, serve one another;

For by doing so, we bless, love, and serve Christ.

Forgive one another, seek peace, do justice;

For by doing so, we follow the way of Christ.

Live into hope, keep to faith, stay close to the truth;

For by doing so, we know Jesus as Lord.

Come, enter this time of worship, coming before Christ our Lord;

****HYMN No. 193, St. 1 – 3, 5**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where with Peter, James, and John,
We were dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word.
“Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son.”

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord
Cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
Say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

We confess our weary spirits, O God. We confess our tiredness. We confess that at times we are burned out and broken down. We confess that the work of justice, peace, and mercy has been difficult, and has yielded more sorrow at times than joy. We come before You, knowing You have taken this burden upon Yourself, so that we might know the fullness of Your reign. Grant us inner peace. Grant us a renewed spirit for justice. Grant us mercy beyond what we can imagine, and rest, so we may take upon the mantle You have bestowed upon us: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God restores. God heals. God brings rest for the weary. God binds up the broken-hearted. God renews our spirits. God is with you, now.

Healing is with us, now. Even if we do not feel it at this time, we know that God is right with us, God is working in us and through us, and God loves us. Amen.

****HYMN No. 156, St. 4** *Sing of God Made Manifest* SALZBUG
Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
Where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
Given as Jesus set his face
Towards the waiting cross and grace, sign of hope that God would save.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lift Every Voice & Sing*
James Weldon Johnson & John Rosamond Johnson
Children in kindergarten – 7th grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 34:29-35*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 9:28-36*

SERMON *Which One Are You?* Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sanctuary* arr. Lloyd Larson

JOYS & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN No. 346** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON
I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

arr. Marianne Kim

****Those who are able may stand**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram & Rev. Barbara Piercy

Susan Jones & Noel Piercy

Paul Salierno & Erin Bogert, Duet & Cantors

Video: Students of MacAfee Road School in Somerset, NJ (Noel Piercy, Director)

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers