

WORSHIP GUIDE

Transfiguration of the Lord February 15 • 9:00AM

INVITED BY GOD



OPENING MUSIC

“Hope of the World”

(based on *Donne Secours* by Louis Bourgeois, 1551; with *Vocalise* by Sergei Rachmaninoff, 1915)

“Hymn to Joy”

Ju Young Lee, Worship & Music

arr. James Biery

arr. Donald Busarow

WELCOME

Gabby Gustafson, Young Adults

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Titus 2)

Leader: We gather to celebrate the grace of God, which has appeared in Jesus Christ, who offers salvation to all people.

Unison: We gather to be strengthened in the Spirit, that we may live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: We gather to remember Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all sin, and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

Unison: We open wide our hearts to receive our Sovereign Lord. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

Old Hundredth

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates: behold, the King of Glory waits!

The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart: make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to You: here, Lord abide!
Let me Your inner presence feel: Your grace and love in me reveal.

So, come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heather Hood, Worship & Music

Unison: Jesus, our Coming King...we confess that we do not always live in ways that acknowledge or witness to Your invitation to new life. Too often, we are occupied with our own concerns, our own efforts, our own desires. Too often, we do not read Your Word or seek Your face in prayer to know what direction we should go. Too often, we turn a blind eye to the needs of others around us. Too often, we do not lead with Your love and grace when it requires risk, sacrifice, or commitment. We have become lukewarm, complacent, judgmental, self-righteous. Forgive us, Lord. Open our ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to us now. (Silent Reflection)

Leader: Merciful Lord, You call us to repent, to turn around, to hold fast to Your truth, to open the door of our hearts to Your presence, to lean into the voice of Your Spirit, and to watch and wait for Your return with eagerness.

Unison: Make us holy in Your sight, Lord, that through us, Your world may be prepared to receive You with joy. Bring us into Your loving and perfect presence now and for all eternity, we pray...Amen.

DOXOLOGY (Number 34)

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Joy in the Morning"

- 1) There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.
- 2) There'll be peace and contentment evermore.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.
Ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice on that day will rejoice,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

(REFRAIN)
And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine.
And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.

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Natalie Sleeth

- 3) There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
(*) there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

Repeat stanzas 1, 2, Refrain, 3 to Ending
(*ENDING)
There'll be love and forgiveness,
there'll be peace and contentment,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day!

SERMON

Scripture – Revelation 22:16-21

Joe McDonald, Care Ministries

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: Jesus, You invite us to follow You, to see who You are,...

Unison: ...to rest when we are weary, to step from death into life,...

Leader: ...to approach You boldly, and to live with hope and expectation.

Unison: We listen, Lord, for Your invitation to us this morning.

(Silent Reflection)

Leader: And Lord, we know that Your deepest desire is to extend invitations not just to us, but *through us* to others.

Unison: As we listen, open our hearts to see the people around us who You long to invite through our words, our time, our homes, and our lives.

(Silent Reflection)

Leader: Make us an invitational people, Lord.

Unison: Shape us by Your welcome, send us with Your love, and speak through our lives. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"There is a Redeemer"

Number 117
Melody Green

There is a Redeemer – Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

REFRAIN

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. (REFRAIN)

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (REFRAIN)

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Ju Young Lee, organ
arr. James Biery

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