



Christ's Hope & Light Revealed

Transfiguration

February 14, 2021

*Despite all they experienced, the disciples failed to understand
that Jesus would soon be leaving his work to them.*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

There is Land That is Fairer than Day

- Wells

Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy God—in this precious hour, we pause
and gather to hear your word—
to do so, we break from our work responsibilities
from our play fantasies;
we move from our fears that overwhelm
and from our ambitions that are too strong.
Free us in these moments from every distraction,
that we may focus to listen,
that we may hear, that we may change. Amen.

- Walter Brueggemann

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us
birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

As we give thanks for the washing we receive in baptism, we trust that our sins are washed
away, and we make time for silent confession...

Pause for silent confession.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.

**By your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.**

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the
gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Song

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel, NO! . . .
Don't let Satan blow it out, . . .
All around my neighborhood . . .
Let it shine 'till Jesus comes . .**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Your own followers did not always understand your words and deeds.
Reveal yourself to us in the world, that we might reflect your glory and live as your beloved
children. **Amen.**

The Transfiguration of Jesus was one more event indicating that Jesus would be leaving the disciples soon (and leaving his work to them, too). Still they failed to understand.

Invitation to the Word

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

**Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-45

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. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse

generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."
⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.
⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴"Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Special Music

In Thee is Gladness

- Beck

Installation of New Council Members

Vice-President: Melinda Powelson At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Sung before all prayers

**Let my prayer rise up, like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

How often your people lose sight of your truth, O Lord. Forgive our short-sightedness and ignorance when you have clearly shown us how to live as your faithful children.

Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

Your love extends to the heavens; ours is but a pale imitation of what you have shown to us. Bless our efforts to embody your love toward others and toward you.

Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

The mysteries of this world can sometimes baffle us, Lord. Enfold us with awe at your power and grace, and embolden us to proclaim your gospel to all.

Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes we must let go in order to heal fully. Release us from past fixations, grievances and regrets, and equip us to take on a new future. Heal those who cry out to you, especially...

Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the faithful missionaries and proclaimers of your good news. Inspire us to do likewise and dedicate our lives to serving you.

Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Abundant Living Gratitude Moment

- Ann Austin, Caring Connections

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Blessing

May God fill you with hope and illumine the darkness with the light of Christ. Amen.

Sending Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Red ELW 815

**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.**

Refrain

**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. *Refrain***

**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. *Refrain***

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- arr. Raney



Hope & Light: A Community Art Project

“The time after Epiphany celebrates God’s incarnation and Jesus’ revealing glory. In this time, we discover Christ’s presence in our lives and share that good news with the world.”

As the season of Epiphany approaches – January 10 thru February 14 - you are invited to participate in creating a piece of artwork that symbolizes God’s revealing of hope and light in our lives, community & world.

Here is how it will work:

- Each week you will be directed at the end of worship to reflect on a question that the pastors will present. You will then design, on your own time, 2 pieces of the puzzle that represents your thoughts – a scene, color schemes, abstract designs, words etc. – however you are moved.
 - You can use markers, pens, crayons, collage, glitter etc. – whatever medium you would like.
 - ***If you would to participate, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to deliver a bag of supplies (puzzle pieces) to you.***
- At the end of the season, during the week of February 14th we ask that you bring back your designed puzzle and place them in the basket in front of the church office.
 - *If you are unable to return your puzzle, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to pick up your puzzle.*
- Some puzzles will be given to those who are homebound as a symbol - a reminder - of God’s hope. All other puzzles will then be created to make a collective piece of art that reflects, as a community, our hope and light. **When all of these individual lights come together as one we can rest in what is and will be revealed in Christ for all of us. Our hope and light becomes even brighter!**
- The finished artwork will be displayed in the Narthex to welcome us back when the time comes when we gather together in-person.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Novess knovess@holyshepherd.com or 720.854.5365.



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Assisting Minister: Denise Ikenberry
- Prelude/Postlude: Jordan Ortman
- Liturgy leaders: Tanja Warnick, Ron Skabo, Susan Boehm, Gaylene Szaltzer
- Liturgy Music: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
- Opening Song: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
- Special Music: Jordan Ortman
- Sending Song: Mike Madsen, Susie DiPaolo, John Reed, Scott Ikenberry,
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