

# Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

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**W**elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Christe qui lux es et dies*

J. P. Sweelinck

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 2

*I will tell of the decree of the Lord:*

*He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.*

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

*You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

**Now therefore, O Kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

*Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry,  
and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

**Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

*Let us worship God!*

### ◆ Hymn 305

**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy**

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have seen your light and glory in the work of your church, in the mountains and at the ocean shore, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Christ. Yet we forget and complain that you are absent from our lives. We descend from the mountaintop, and rather than being uplifted, we grumble that our lives are difficult. Forgive us. Remind us of how much you love us; help us see your face in the faces of the suffering, the weak, and the forgotten. Teach us to seek you always and to listen for your call.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God 618

**All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad:  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.**

## God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Anthem

*Anthem for Transfiguration*

arr. Paul Hofreiter

This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!  
My Chosen Son! Listen!

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

OT p. 68  
Jana Surdi

Second Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

NT p. 17

Sermon

What Do Ducks have to do with Calvin?

Jewell-Ann Parton

## Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from Philipppians 2

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayers of the Congregation and 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.**

Offertory

*Jam Christe Sol Justitiae*

Jeremy Young

Winston Barham, recorder; Jane Penner, drum

O Jesus, shining like the sun, your light is hope for everyone.

Help us to turn our hearts your way. *Jam Christe sol justitiae.*

You change our darkest night to day. *Jam Christe sol justitiae.*

Transfigure us with your true light, O sun of justice, Jesus Christ.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;**

**Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;**

**Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:**

**All glory, honor to God's name.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, receive our offerings and tithes - a small portion of what you have given us.**

**Use them, we ask, to reveal your goodness and generosity to others, in the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

◆ Hymn 825

**Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**

SWING LOW

The refrain will be sung by the congregation, the verses by the choir.

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Passing of the Peace

*May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

Postlude

*Deo gratias*

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Ruth Wadlington, in loving memory of her husband, Walter Wadlington.*

# What's Happening

*at Westminster*

## **Sunday, February 19**

9:30 a.m. Church school  
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
 12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting in the Lower Lounge  
 12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

## **Monday, February 20**

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry via Zoom  
 7 p.m. Mission Study Team Meeting via Zoom

## **Tuesday, February 21**

6 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, February 22**

*Ash Wednesday*

10-2 p.m. Ashes in the Church Office  
 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

## **Thursday, February 23**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

## **Saturday, February 25**

9:45 a.m. Westminster Walkers meet in the Olivet Presbyterian Church parking lot

## **Sunday, February 26**

*First Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school  
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
 4 p.m. Organ Concert in the Sanctuary, featuring Jonathan Schakel

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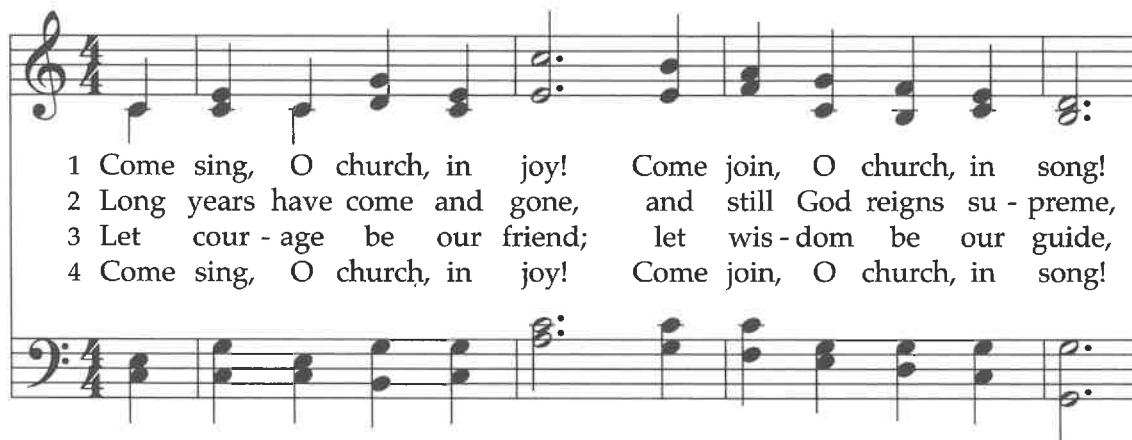
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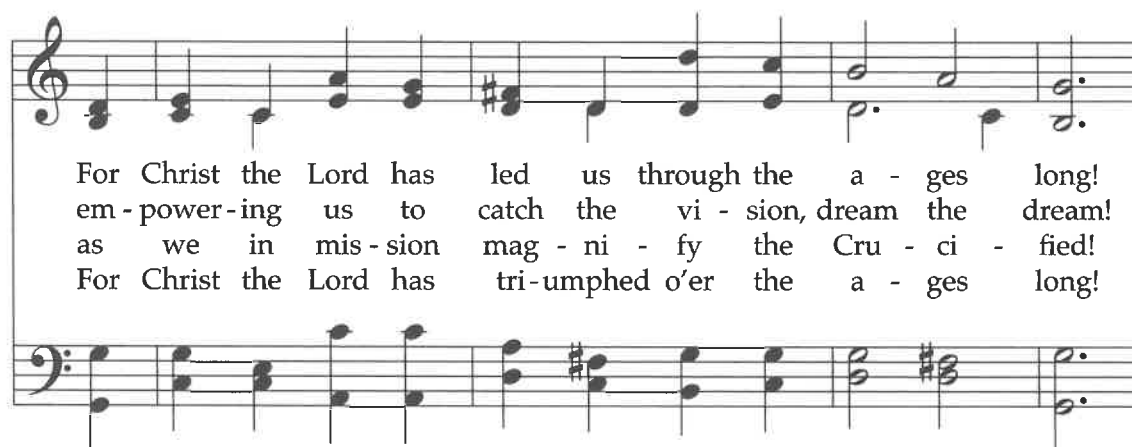
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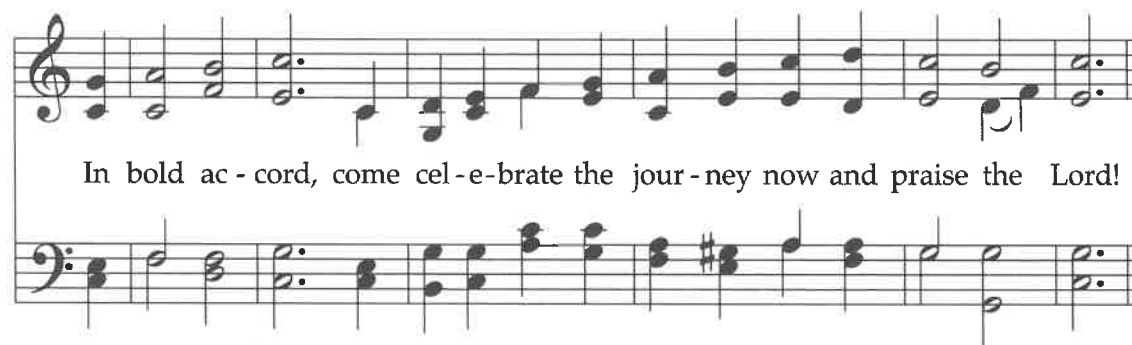
## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy!      Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone,      and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend;      let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy!      Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

# 190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm) (Gm) (A7) (Dm)  
 Fm B<sup>b</sup>m C7 Fm



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the  
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and  
 3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) (A7) (Dm) (Gm) (A7)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m C7 Fm B<sup>b</sup>m C7



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;  
 keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain  
 light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) (A7) (Dm) (D) (Bm)  
 Fm C7 Fm F Dm



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and  
 an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -  
 to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward  
 ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by  
 oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) (Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Dm Gm C7 F Dm F C7 F



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.  
 test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

## 825 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home. *Fine*

1 I looked o-ver Jor-dan, and what did I see com-ing for to car-ry me home?  
 2 If you get there be - fore I do, com-ing for to car-ry me home,  
 3 The bright - est day that ev - er I saw, com-ing for to car-ry me home,  
 4 I'm some-times up and some-times down, com-ing for to car-ry me home,

*to Refrain*  
 A band of an-gels com-ing af-ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 tell all my friends I'm com - ing too, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 when Je - sus washed my sins a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 but still my soul feels heaven-ly bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,

While ostensibly based on Elijah's ascent into heaven (2 Kings 2:11), this African American spiritual also communicates the enslaved people's hope that they might find deliverance across a river (i.e. in the free states beyond the Ohio). Call-and-response singing enhances this piece.