

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday February 19th
Transfiguration Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL PRELUDE “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

*SONG OF WELCOME “Open Doors”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God,
we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence.
**We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;
we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top,
where you are so close, so accessible,
where there is no doubt of your glory.**

The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.
**We witness your bright power,
and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

As we prepare for worship,
God bring us to the mountain top;
**bring us to the mountain top
so that we may be inspired to do your work
in the valley below.**

~ posted on the *General Commission on the Status and Role of Women* website of the United Methodist Church. <http://www.gcsrw.org/Portals/4/WHM.worship%20March%202.pdf>

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One,
We come before you,
many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain,
and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point
to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.

Our loads are heavy,
with worry, with regret,
with fatigue, with illness,
with despair for all in the world
that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

We trudge ahead, following you,
stumbling, hoping, praying...
breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes,
even some of us are nimble and skipping.

Lead us Lord,
to the top of that mountain,
where we might be dazzled by your Light,
lifted by what is Divine,
filled by the sheer delight
of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

We pray this,
for ourselves, for one another,
and for the worlds in which we live in.
Amen.

~ written by rev karla, and posted on **RevGalBlogPals**. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Come Away with Me”

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

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 now and forever. Amen.

HYMN:

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.

LESSON I

Exodus 24:12-18 CEB

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I’ll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I’ve written in order to teach them.”

¹³ So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God’s mountain. ¹⁴ Moses had said to the elders, “Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The Lord's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites, the Lord's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*HYMN

*LESSON 2

Matthew 17:1-9 CEB

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. ² He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

³ Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" ⁶ Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Time to get to it”

*HYMN “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”

UMH #258

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

 “Be Thou My Vision” (Verse 3)

UMH #451

POSTLUDE