

# St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship      February 14, 2021

*Transfiguration*

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## Prayer in Preparation

Holy God, as we worship, this morning, prepare our hearts and minds that we might catch a glimpse of your glory. May we be touched by your wondrous light, see Jesus more clearly and follow him each day of our lives. Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Intermezzo"*

Bizet

## The Call to Worship

Jesus was transfigured upon the mountain,

**and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, listen to him."**

As we worship together, let us receive a glimpse of the radiance of Jesus,

**and let us listen to and learn from his word.**

Hymn

*'Rejoice, You Pure in Heart'*

Rejoice, you pure in heart  
lift praises to the sky  
Your festive banner wave with joy  
The cross of Christ raise high

Bright youth and snow-crowned age  
strong souls and spirits meek  
Raise high your free, exulting song  
God's wondrous praises speak **(refrain)**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice, Rejoice**

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing**

Yes, on through life's long path  
still singing as you go  
From youth to age, by night and day  
in gladness and in woe **(refrain)**

## Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we admit that although we long for light, we often cloak ourselves in darkness. Because we desire to be all knowing, all powerful and to control other people, we have become blind to your presence in our lives. Forgive us our blundering ways and our selfish actions. Renew our wandering spirits and kindle in us the desire to follow your guidance and serve one another. Amen.

## Assurance of Grace

Through Jesus Christ it has been revealed that grace abounds and we have been forgiven. God grants us all, newness of life and the hope of life eternal. Amen.

## Praise Response

*"Glory to God, whose goodness Shines on me"*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, Whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.

World without end, without end, Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
Amen.

## For the Child in Us All

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

**And also with you**

## Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

"It is good that we are here"

**Rev. Dr. Richard Brandon**

## Hymn

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

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

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me **[Refrain]**

## Refrain:

**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**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me **[Refrain]**

## Prayers of God's 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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## We Share Our Blessings with Others

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## Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, by your Spirit, we have been transformed from self serving into self giving people. Use these gifts to touch, save and transform the lives of others who are in need that they too may see the amazing presence of your Son. Amen.

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures, here below.  
Praise God, above ye Heavenly Host.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

**Hymn**

*“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
and our confidence alone.**

**Here bestow on all your servants  
what they ask of you to gain,  
what they gain from you forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.**

**To this temple where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with all your faithful loving kindness,  
hear your people as they pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.**

**Charge & Blessing**

**Postlude**

*“Majesty”*

**Hayford arr. Kellner**

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