

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Transform Us" # 182

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "I Saw the Light"

1. I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin; I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.

Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus: I saw the light, I saw the light; No more darkness, no more night.

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

2. Just like a blind man, I wandered along; worries and fears I claimed for my own.

Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight; Praise the Lord, I saw the

Light!

Chorus: I saw the light, I saw the light; No more in darkness, no more in night.

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

3. I was a fool to wander and stray; Straight is the gate and narrow the way.

Now I have traded the wrong for the right; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus: I saw the light, I saw the light; No more darkness, no more night.

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Nancy Kline/10:30am Maurine McLellan

"Psalm 99" (insert) # 751

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Rev. Schwartz & Abigail

Text *Matthew 17: 1-9* (NRSVA)

Message "I Saw the Light" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Nancy Kline/10:30am Jim Ward

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

* = *Please stand*

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev.Schwartz/10:30am Jim Ward

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

Communion Music: "God Is Good All the Time" MSPW1 #45

***Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion**

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "I Am the Light of the World" vv 1-3 # 469

REFRAIN: "I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you follow and love; you'll learn the mystery; of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the magi and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun;

REFRAIN:

2. To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love, to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above!

REFRAIN:

3. To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children everywhere! REFRAIN:

***Benediction** Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "We Are Walking" # 442

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday
Liturgical Color: Green

Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSVA)

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, February 19, 2023 8:30am. ☩ 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.