

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY May Jesus Christ Be Praised (Labenske) Joshua Allen

*DOXOLOGY #607
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

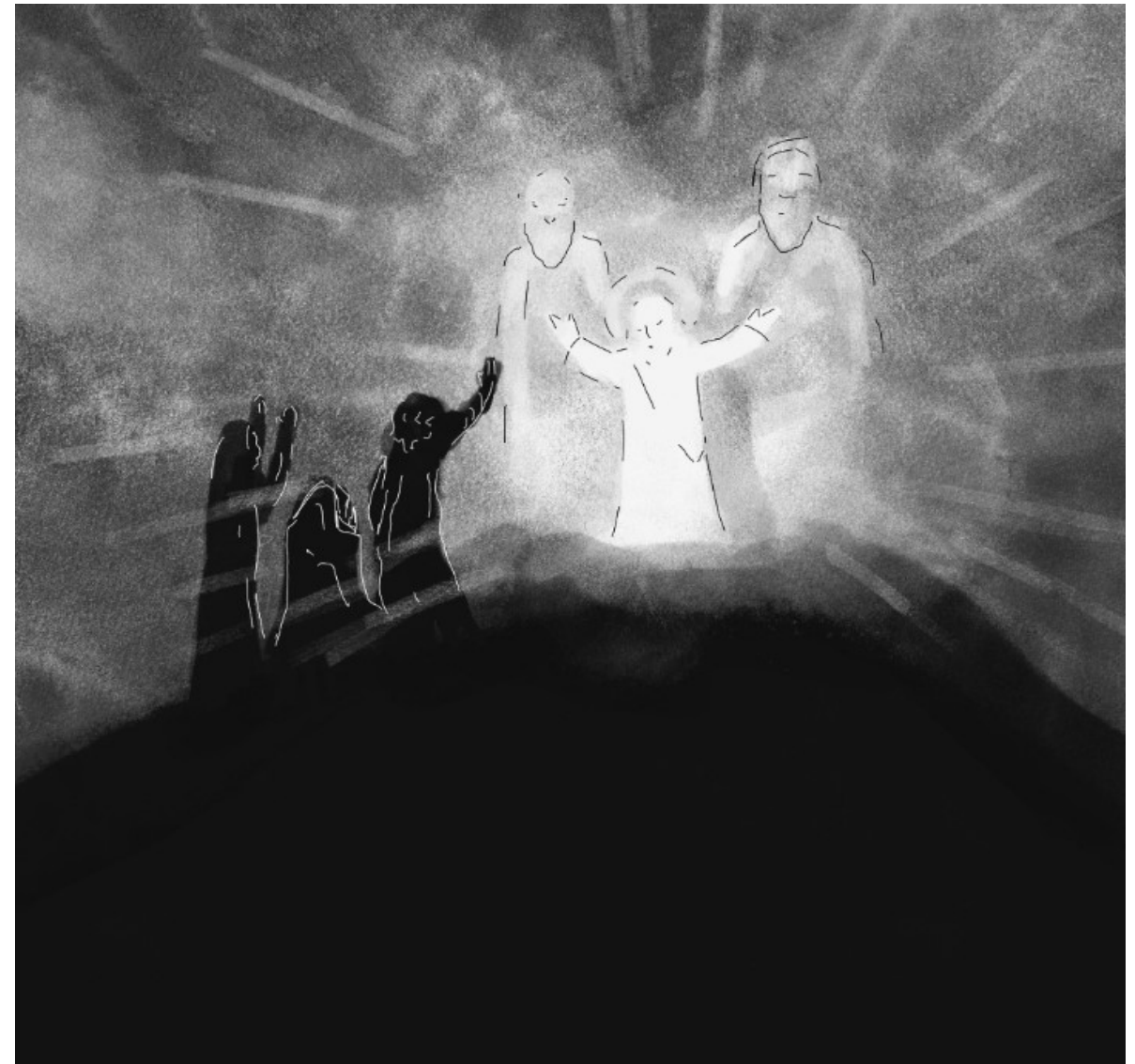
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*HYMN #192 Shine, Jesus, Shine (Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Isaiah 40:31)

POSTLUDE Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory Joshua Allen

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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Transfiguration Sunday
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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE O Worship The King (arr. Croft) Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Steve Lowe

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge

*HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (John 5:1-18)

"Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed. We, too, are healed. Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12 Bible p. 317, LG p. 411-412

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 9:2-9 Bible p. 41-42, LG p. 10

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Close Encounters of the Heavenly Kind Rev. Dr. Jerry Carpenter

—Response—

*HYMN #66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 Timothy 3:16)**

***Great indeed, we confess,
is the mystery of our religion:
Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.***