

March 2, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28–43a

## **Order for Our Worship of God**

(\*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude                      “Majesty” – Handbell Choir                      arr. Bettcher

Call to Worship

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Christ’s glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God’s greatness?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Jesus won’t let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

**Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

**Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, be with us when we come down from the height of worship to face a world that didn’t see what we just saw in you.**

**Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, show us how to be. Change us; transfigure us so that this world might see what we have just seen, and worship you. In your name we pray. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn                      “Shine, Jesus, Shine”                      TFWS No. 2173

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Children’s Time

Choral Anthem                      “The Light of the World Is Jesus”                      arr. Drennan

Sermon                      “Astounded at the Greatness”                      Rev. JongIn Lee

Holy Communion                      Service of Word and Table II                      Hymnal p. 12

\*Hymn of Reflection                      “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”                      No. 206

Prayer Time

The Giving of Our Offering

Offering Song                      “How Great Is Our God”                      arr. Labenske

\*Presentation                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Glorious God, who reveals the light of your presence, we bring these gifts as a testament to your transforming power. Jesus was transfigured before his disciples; transform us to reflect your love and grace. Use these offerings to shine your light in the world, bringing hope and healing. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn                      “We Are Called”                      TFWS No. 2172

\*Blessing

Postlude                      “Great Is the Lord”                      arr. Hyzner

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**WE WELCOME ALL** to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE** ~ Participating this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Brian Pobanz, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room. Please stop by and sign up to help. There is always something that that needs to be done as new items are arriving regularly! A new post is out with photos on Facebook and Instagram, so please share and stop by with friends to support our beautiful shop!! Any questions, please contact Barbara, Joan, or Diane.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** ~ Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, is this **Wednesday, March 5**. Our Ash Wednesday service will be held in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** ~ Our Lenten Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and will meet from March 12 through April 16. The study will follow the book *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James Moore. All are welcome to attend.

**OLD STONE MUSIC & COFFEE HOUSE** ~ Join us on **Friday, March 7**, at The Old Stone. One of everyone's favorites, Timepeace, will be performing. It will be a fun night! As always, doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music from 8–10 p.m. A \$10 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink, and some yummy baked goodies. BYOBOW is allowed.

**BOOK CLUB NEWS** ~ The March Book Club selection is *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini. This illuminating novel is the story of the “munitionettes” who built bombs in Britain’s arsenals during World War I, risking their lives for the war effort. Book Club will meet on **Thursday, March 20**, 10:30 a.m. and all who would like to discuss this historical fiction novel are invited to attend.

**PASTOR:** *Rev. JongIn Lee*

**LAY LEADER:** *Dave Murray*

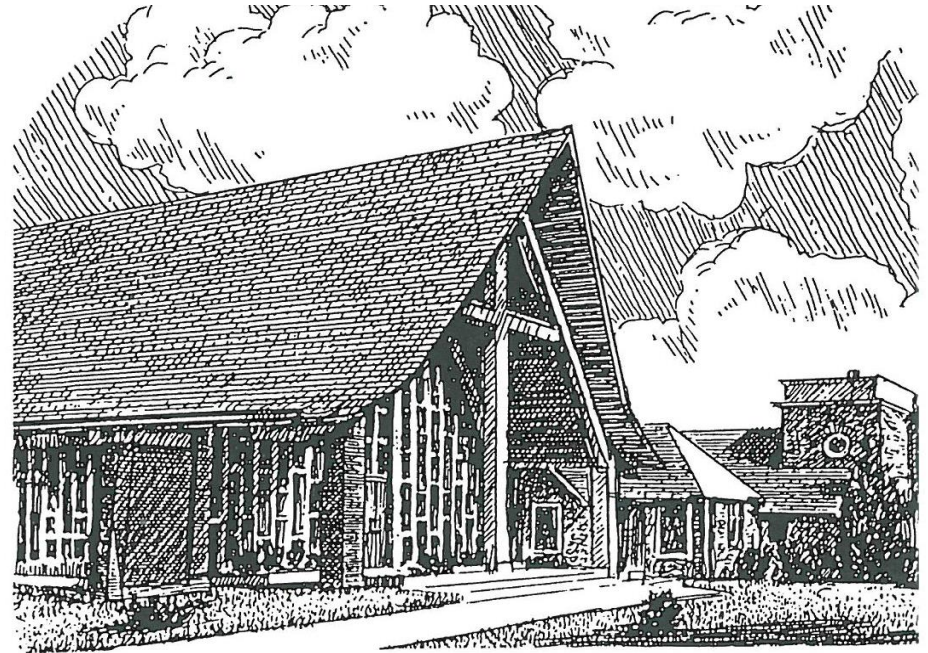
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**AN INVITATION**

*To all who would know God and do God's will;  
To all who would live and work to make  
Jesus' love alive in the world;  
To all who seek comfort and would find rest;  
To old and young, rich and poor, saint and sinner,  
This church opens wide its doors  
And—in the name of Jesus the Christ—  
Bids you welcome to this house of the Lord!*