

Order of Worship
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
9:30 am – February 11, 2024

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major
Kyle Hanks Organ
Music: C.S. Lang. Public domain

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

L. We gather this morning to feel God's presence.

P. But sometimes feeling that presence scares us.

L. We gather this morning to hear God's Word for us in Jesus.

P. But sometimes we resist those words.

L. We gather this morning for direction in our lives.

P. And God says "He is my son, the beloved. Listen to him! May we do it well!"

OPENING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH 203

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1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9 NRSV

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The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (sing twice)
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UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Rehfield

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

arr. Douglas Wagner

VFUMC Chancel Choir and Praise Team; Clara Johnson, Director; Kyle Hanks, Pianist

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mountain tops and mundane moments, it is so easy for us to want to stay right where we are. But you call us to new and different ways; you give us work to do; you call us out of ourselves to ministry to others. As we present our offerings today, we pray that they will shine the light of your love on all whom they will touch. We pray that they will reach far and wide to be a blessing not only in this place, but all around the world. And we pray that in our giving, we too will be blessed to your service in the giving of our time, our hearts, and our love. Amen

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light

UMH 188

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1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother;
He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Thaxted"

Albert Travis

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Prayer Requests

ReNew UM Mission—South Pasadena —Pastor Sam Park

Ojai UMC—Pastor Katie Donaldson

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

V1 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.

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.

V2 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**

V3 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**

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