

**\*Sending Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (#263)**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might:  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

**\*Response: “Shalom”**

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)*

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)*

**In Appreciation:**

Greeters:	Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Usher:	Michael Wright
Parking:	Phil Chew
Sound System:	Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator:	Nancy Arata-Fong



**The Celebration of Worship**

February 27, 2022 • Transfiguration of the Lord

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson
Worship Leader:	Steve Hanway
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright

**Prelude**

Janet Hill

**\*Introit**

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

**Welcome/Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

**Call to Worship**

Steve Hanway

Leader: We who have come to follow Jesus hear His voice, calling us to be apart for a little while.

**People: We will listen and follow, and open ourselves to new visions.**

Leader: The one who leads us will reveal to us who He is.

**People: May our hearts be open to God's bright glory, shining in the face of Christ the Son!**

**\*Opening Hymn: “God Is Here!” (#461)**

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold, here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

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*\* Those who can, please rise*

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

### **Invitation to Confession**

Steve Hanway

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. (Rom. 5:5, 8; Heb. 4:16)

### **Prayer of Confession**

Steve Hanway

Leader: Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession*

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

Steve Hanway

Leader: Hear the good news!

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

(Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Response to God's Forgiveness**

**All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

### **Musical Offering**

Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection*

### **Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Steve Hanway

### **\*Doxology**

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Steve Hanway

### **Joys & Concerns**

Steve Hanway

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### **Sermon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

“Close Encounter of the Ultimate Kind”

Luke 9:28-43

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to

### **Passing of the Peace**

Steve Hanway

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Children's Message**

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

### **\*Reflection Hymn: “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright” (#474)**

O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; Thou light of life, light's living spring, true day, all days illumining.

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, shower down Thy radiance from above, and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born; O may we ever clearly see our Savior and our God in Thee!

### **Unison Prayer of Guidance**

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### **Japanese Reading: Luke 9:28-33**

Michael Wright

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure,[a] which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:**

Steve Hanway

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with