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Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Have Faith in God

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

William Loader

Let's go up the mountain. Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky where the earth touches the heavens, to the place of meeting, to the place of mists, to the place of voices and conversations, to the place of listening.

* Opening Prayer

Working Preacher

Dazzling Lord, in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Opening Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

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

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]

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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CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

William Loader

O God, we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light. May your light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story. May your word speak to us.

We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that. Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way. Forgive our foolishness and sin.

We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people. Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and we hear your voice, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!' And we give you thanks. Amen

Hymn *And I will raise you up*

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WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving William Carey (1761-1834), Baptist missionary to India

I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Scripture Lesson Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

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 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.

Sermon

“Jesus Alone?”

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: He was the Son of God

People: He was the Son of Man

Leader: He came down from heaven

People: He was born in a stable

Leader: Kings came to his cradle

People: His first home was a cave.

Leader: He was born to be a king

People: He was a child of Mary

Leader: He was the greatest among rulers

People: He was the least among servants

Leader: He was loved and honored

People: He was despised and rejected

Leader: He was gentle and loving

People: He made many enemies

Leader: He counseled perfection

People: He was a friend of sinners

Leader: He was a joyful companion

People: He was a man of sorrows

Leader: He said, “Rejoice!”

People: He said, “Repent!”

