

THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 14, 2021 - 10:00am

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WELCOME! The days of Advent led us to our Christmas celebration and the Epiphany. These days of Epiphany revealed the Christ to us in many ways and has led us to this day – a day of Transfiguration and the day when we begin the transition to the season of Lent. Liturgically, it is a transition from being observers to participants on a faith journey. In this time of transition, let us turn our hearts toward God who calms our fears, shines light into our dark places, restores our hope and brings us peace.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

“For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus’ sake.”

2 Corinthians 4:5

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

“Jesus, you offer us a peace that the world cannot give. Breathe that peace upon us and let it move within us, that we may be peacemakers today. Amen.”

PRELUDE

HYMN: “How Good Lord To Be Here”

MBW #326

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

- 2 How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.**

- 5 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

A LITANY

The Glory of the Lord is all around us.

God is with us at all times and in all places.

Our Glorious God reveals truth to us.

**In Jesus, we have the words that count,
and the example to follow.**

Take us to the mountaintop, O God; we will see things differently.

**We will see the great faith figures of the past, and value
their influence.**

Take us to the mountaintop, O God; and we will be amazed.

**We will see our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and know He has words for us to hear.**

Take us to the mountaintop, O God;
and we will be awed and afraid.

**We will know the mystery of the Holy,
and be ready to worship.**

The light of Christ will enlighten our worship.

The joy of Christ will echo in our praise.

The light of Christ will enlighten our worship.

**The friendship of Christ will bind us together in
community.**

The light of Christ will enlighten our worship.

The acceptance of Christ will mark our relationships.

The view from the mountaintop is awe inspiring, but we cannot remain there.

**After careful reflection, and deliberate prayer, while we
don't want to leave, we know that we can't stay.**

Then, bring us down from the mountaintop, O God.

**Prepared for service, we will go about the saving work of
Christ in our church, in our neighborhoods, and in our
suffering world.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

God of light and love. We cherish the religious experiences we have had. We need those times to energize us and renew our faith. Forgive us when we cling to those experiences, missing opportunities and challenges that help us grow in faith. Forgive us for our spirits of timidity, our failures to move on, to come down from the mountain to do the ministry to which you called us. Forgive us for being so comfortable living in our ruts and routines. Give us the courage to seek out new vision for acting upon our faith. Through Christ, who gives us light and life. Amen.

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Lord, send Your Spirit to this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1-12

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Come, Let Us Worship” (1718-1720) - George Frideric Handel

SERMON “Renewing the Vision”

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord MBW #825

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

HYMN: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies” MBW #475

- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

2. **Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

3. **Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



The Transfiguration