



# Transfiguration OF THE LORD

**CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**February 15, 2026**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

**"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sanctuary Choir

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;

Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,

We like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,

That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

Tony Perrou

Leader: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

**People: God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!**

Leader: Miriam, Moses, and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

**People: We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!**

\* OPENING HYMN

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

No. 189  
Glory to God



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair  
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,  
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,  
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high



of glo - ry that the church shall share,  
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,  
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,  
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud  
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise



where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
 who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tony Perrou

Leader: We don't have to look very far to see the brokenness of our world: broken relationships, broken systems, broken nations, broken people. We are tired. We are worn. And we know that the world didn't get this way on its own. So, together, let us confess our part in the brokenness of things, and ask for God's help to repair and restore.

All: **God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people.**

*silence*

Leader: The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God's promises. Let this truth deep down seep into your weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

No. 547  
Glory to God

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."

ANTHEM

**“See the Brilliant Glow Before Us”**

Diane Hannibal,  
arr. Roger Thornhill

Sanctuary Choir; Will Condrey, percussion

See the brilliant glow before us. Jesus shines in bright array.

On the mountain in His glory Light of God in full display.

In a cloud of shining splendor, prophets standing by His side.

Come and see the holy wonder, Light of God the living Christ!

Hear the words of God the Father: “With my son I am well pleased.”

Come and hear His voice of calm assurance. Come and know His perfect peace.

Jesus lead us with your wisdom. Spirit help us to obey. Guide us to a life of service, blessing others in your name.

Jesus shine Your light upon us. Bathe us in Your dazzling light. Let us all reflect your glory.

Learning, burning, beaming bright, beaming bright!

See the brilliant glow before us, light and love of perfect grace.

Jesus shines in perfect glory, light of God upon His face.

In a cloud of shining splendor, prophets standing by His side.

Praise His name in holy splendor, Light of God the Living Christ! Light of God the Living Christ! Behold the living Christ!

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207.)*

\* HYMN

**“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”**

No. 193  
Glory to God

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you  
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed “It is fin - ished!”  
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
 says of the In - car - nate Word, “Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son.”  
 tur - i - on: “Tru - ly this was God’s own Son!”  
 James, and John: “You are God’s be - lov - ed Son!”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

SERMON

***Caught Up in the Moment***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

\* SONG

**"How Great Is Our God"**

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, & Ed Cash

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, Three in One; Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

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OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"**

arr. Howard Helvey

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world. When I pray "Our God is a God who hears us," please respond, "we will not be afraid."

God of truth and light, we come before you ready for our mountaintop moment. We want to be transfixed and transfigured and transformed. We want to sit at your feet, and at the feet of the prophets, to soak up all that you have to teach us and all the love you have to share. We are grateful, O God, that you chose to live among us, that we, too, might come to know the more excellent way.

Our God is a God who hears us:

**People: we will not be afraid.**

Pastor: We remember how many people live in darkness: trapped by addiction, overwhelmed by the loneliness of grief, intoxicated by the allure of power. Turn your face toward those in need of healing this day. May they be renewed.

Our God is a God who hears us:

**People: we will not be afraid.**

Pastor: We know, O God, that there are many who suffer in mind, body and spirit because of greed or apathy. Bless those who hunger for justice and for daily bread, those who thirst for living water and for clean water, those who seek refuge from spiritual storms and the depths of winter. Illumine a way forward so that we can live in your economy of grace; stir in us the compassion to seek wholeness for all.

Our God is a God who hears us:

**People: we will not be afraid.**

Pastor: There are many places around this world in need of drastic intervention. We remember those places torn apart by warfare, violence, famine, or natural disaster. We know that you grieve with us when we turn on one another, or when any of your children suffer. Sow peace and make us peacemakers.

Our God is a God who hears us:

**People: we will not be afraid.**

Pastor: God of all seasons, be with us as we traverse back down the mountain. Keep us mindful of you, and mindful of your ways in our daily living. May we speak with kindness, lead with compassion, and practice what it is we believe with all those whom we encounter. Make us good stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

Our God is a God who hears us:

**People: we will not be afraid.**

Pastor: These prayers we are bold to pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together saying,

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Drums: Will Condrey

Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter

Vocals: Laura Leek, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

