Sunday, February 11, 2024, We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome Family Life and Work Family Celebrations Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Way-Maker

(originally by Sinach)

CHORUS: You are here, moving in our midst I worship You, I worship You You are here, working in this place I worship You, I worship You. (REPEAT)

VERSE:

You are... Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness, my God That is who You are. (REPEAT)

> CHORUS: You are here, touching every heart I worship You, I worship You You are here, healing every heart I worship You, I worship You You are here, turning lives around I worship You, I worship You You are here, mending every heart I worship You, I worship You.

Call to Worship One: God's love has been poured into our hearts. **All We dwell in him and he in us.** One Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; **All Make known his deeds among the peoples.** One Sing to him, sing praises to him, **All And speak of all his marvelous works** One Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, **All who was and is and is to come!** Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, thy loving, gentle spirit into ev'ry human breast. Let us all from thee inherit of thy noble gifts the best. Now that earth is just beginning on an upward path we move, Give to all new hope of winning laurels that their worth may prove.
 - 3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured; mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Time:

We Listen

Lectionary Text: First reading – 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 Second reading – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Gospel – Mark 9:2-9

Gradual Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down: thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the troubled heart to sing.
 - Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and fair the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
 - 4 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly, wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee; none can be nearer, fairer or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Sermon: The Rev. Kathleen Greidanus

We Respond

Musical Offering: Bound for Greater Things

Medema

Offertory Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication

Holy God receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Communion

Prayer after Communion – Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord: He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen God in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps, They have builded there an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read God's righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps: His day is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) His day is marching on.

3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:

As He died to make us holy, let us live to make all free: Our God is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) Our God is marching on.

 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave, He is Wisdom to the mighty; He is Honour to the brave,

So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave: Our God

is marching on. Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) Our God is marching on.

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.