

East Parish United Methodist Church

Established 1834

*East Parish is a Church open to all, which nurtures and enables people to experience
God's transforming love and serve others in Jesus' name.*



*"Lord, IT IS GOOD THAT
we are here."*

MATTHEW 17:4, ESV

**Transfiguration Sunday
February 27, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany**

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God,
in loving memory of Alex Danielson.*

PRELUDE

*"Prelude on Detroit"
(Forgive Our Sins)*

Randolph Currie

WELCOME

* **OPENING HYMN** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

TFWS 2173

CALL TO WORSHIP ()

L: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

P: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

L: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

P: We are not sure we are ready for that.

L: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

P: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.
AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus' baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Child with whom you are well pleased. Again today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, God, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve you. In awe of your majesty, we pray in Christ's Name. **AMEN.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

SERMON

"Transfiguration "

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

* **HYMN**

"How Great Thou Art"

#77

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. You may also send them to Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, O God, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley

where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, God, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, O God. We pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Listen to Jesus. He will guide and care for you. Place your trust in him, for he is God's chosen, God's beloved. His ways are the ways of peace and hope. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: As we stand on this mountaintop, breathing in God's Spirit, let us share the peace of Christ with the words "The peace of Christ be with you always."

P: And also with you.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Slane – a Partita for Organ"

Robert Jones

* DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

#519

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

#431

*Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Johann Pachelbel

**Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.*

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ 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 God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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.

(New Revised Standard Version)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² 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.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Luke 9:28-43a

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus^a took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ 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.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain
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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

WORDS: Graham Kendrick (2 Cor. 4:6)

MUSIC: Graham Kendrick; arr. by Jack Schrader, adapt.

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
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Stanza ending

to stanzas

Song ending

light.

light.

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

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me.

D.C.

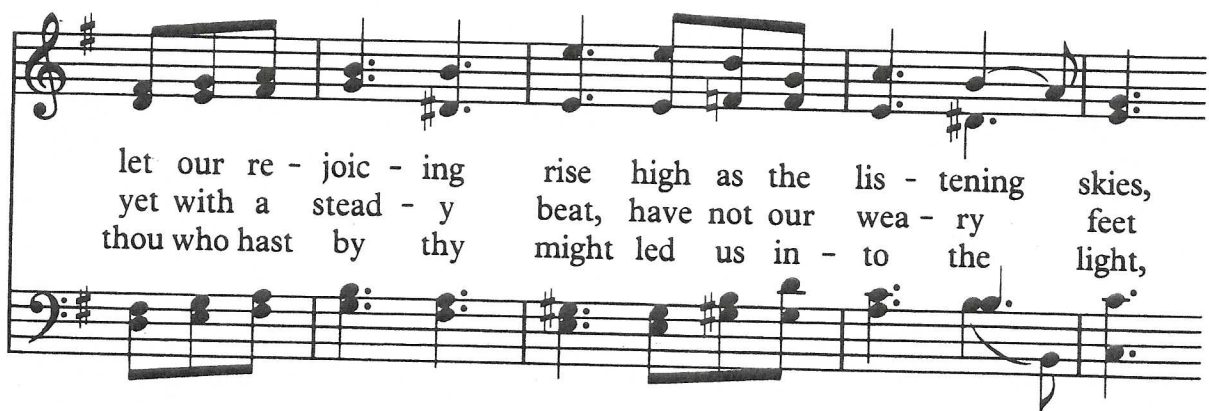
Lift Every Voice and Sing



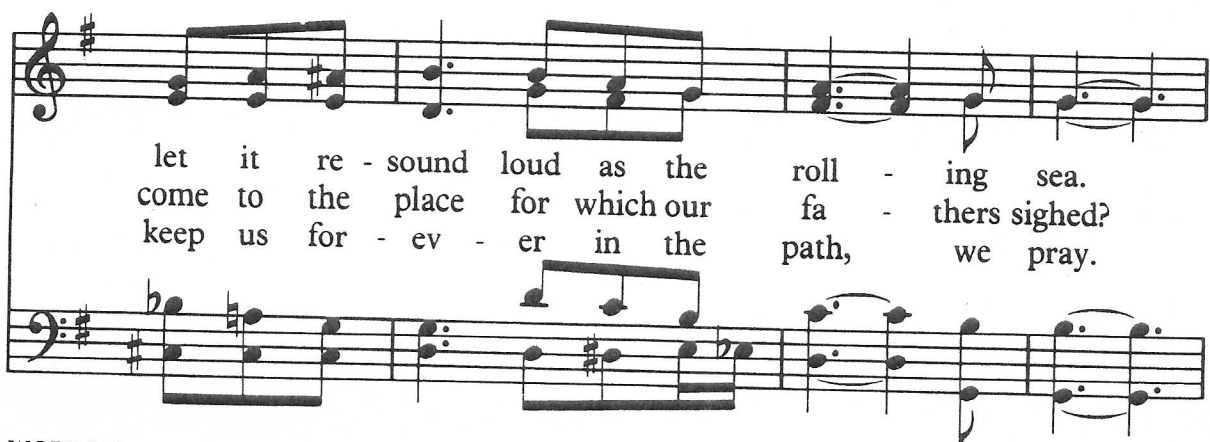
1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921

MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

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LIFT EVERY VOICE

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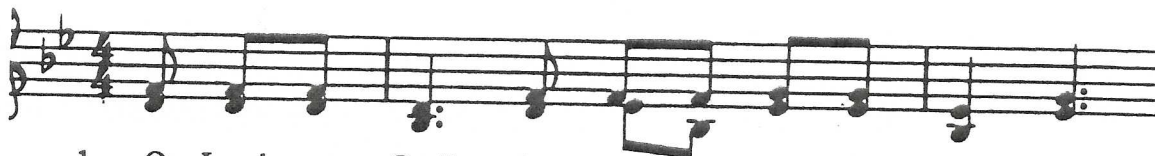
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

How Great Thou Art



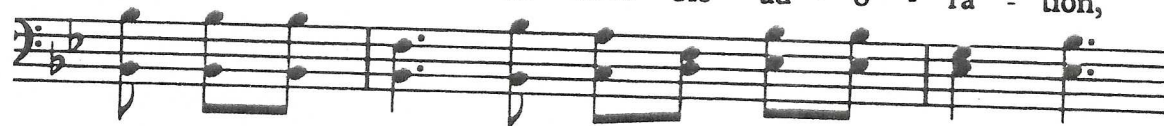
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!



authors's original words are "works" and "mighty."

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

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HOW GREAT THOU ART
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Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting Sunday, March 6th, masks will be optional during worship.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Distribution of ashes will take place during **Ash Wednesday Service at noon on March 2nd** in the East Parish Sanctuary.

LENTEN STUDY – Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing. We will be doing this study after worship March 6 – April 10.

COMMUNION OFFERING – The Communion offering for March, the offering will be baking mixes (cookies, muffins, cakes, etc) and toothbrushes and toothpaste. Items will be collected throughout March and delivered the first week of April. Thank you for your ongoing support of Pettengill House.

If you wish to become a member of our church family, or to be baptized, contact Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net or 781-697-6344.

Prayer List

Church of Christ and ministries
and members of East Parish
United Methodist Church
All who struggle with their faith
Family and friends of John Kelly
Assisted Living, Nursing Home
and Memory Care Residents
Residents of Maris House & Link
House
Our members who are traveling
Joni McPhee
Steve Smith
Julie Allred
Chip & Gail (friend of Alana)
Alan Dane (George's friend)
Hailey Stone
Tom (Debbie and Steve's friend)
Sam Colby
Jeanette Cooper Hicks
Madolyn Lynch
George (Debbie's cousin-in-law)
Jean Gustavson
Anita McMahon

Bobby (Candice's son)
Harmony Montgomery (7 yr old
girl missing from Manchester)
People of the Ukraine
Children, especially orphans
Victims of natural disasters.
Victims of sexual abuse and
assault
Division in The United Methodist
Church
For those whose voices are so
often ignored
For the slain everywhere and all
victims of violence
Deplorable treatment of refugees
and asylum-seekers on the
southern border of the US
All who have suffered with,
because of, or died from COVID-19
or addiction.
For our country, desperately in
need of unity and humanity

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