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Transfiguration

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Be the Church

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on Old Hundredth

by Lovelace

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to worship together,

P: Different people, different lives, different histories,

L: Yet all children of the same Parent,

P: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

L: We gather to reconnect with one another,

P: Different people, different lives, different histories,

L: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

P: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

L: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

P: Different people, different lives, different histories,

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

P: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us. Let us open ourselves to the call to “Be the Church.”

***OPENING HYMN NO. 562** (black hymnal)

Take My Gifts

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance, we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace. While we want a world of justice and peace, we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness. Though we want to follow you up the mountain, we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 2)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9: 28-36

MESSAGE

Be the Church

HYMN NO. 2130 (FWS, see p. 4)

The Summons

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JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Thy Glory Shines* by Rentz

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Praise is Rising

by Brown/Baloche

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Be the Church!

ALL SING: The Spirit invites us to travel new roads into the community, sharing life's loads. We reach out with love helping neighbors in need. God says **BE THE CHURCH** in both word and in deed.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 2153** (FWS, see p. 5) *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me*

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

Jubilation

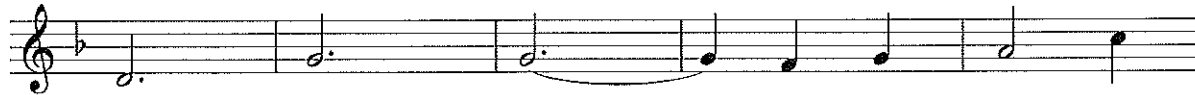
by Handel

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



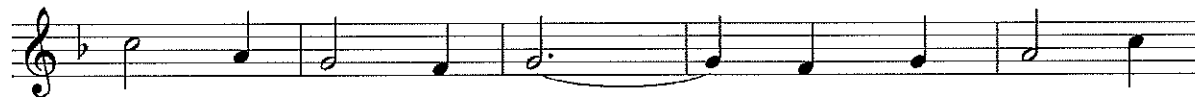
call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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 Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 777 6; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

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GRACE

2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me _____

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! _____
(an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so)
I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me _____

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! _____
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our son, Brian's birthday, by Mom & Dad (Dan & Nancy Kinard).

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Lenten Worship team, which consists of JJ Rhinehart, Tori Everhart, Suzanne Skennonto, & Dani Kardisco, by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Edward Kiessling's (Elaine's father) birthday by Elaine, Perry, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Tim Snyder, Nancy & Barry Schwartz, & Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jodi Graham

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer

¹http://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration_worship_call-to-worship

²created using <http://rev-o-lution.org/2014/02/21/worship-resources-for-march-2-2014-transfiguration-sunday/> and <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4728/worship-elements-february-26-2017-option-1>

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⁵*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*. African American Spiritual. © 1995, Chalice Press. Reproduced with permission under One License A-725030.

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Take My Gifts

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
2 Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
3 Take whatever I can offer— gifts that I have yet to find.

gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,

now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter— flavor of the Jesus life,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.
Colin Gibson, 1991
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA