



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Worship Service

February 19, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

Minister: Rev. Ken MacDonald

Lay Presider: Alex MacMillan

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Grace Band

1. Pass It on
2. Change my Heart O God

Kurt Kaiser
Eddie Espinosa

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgment of the Traditional Land

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus went to the mountain and was changed. Transformed.

All: But change is hard for us.

One: You call us, O God, to change our lives.

All: But change is hard for us.

One: You call us, O God, to change our hearts.

All: But change is hard for us.

One: Your call us, O God, to change our thinking.

All: But change is hard for us.

One: Open our lives, our hearts, our thinking,

All: Open us, O God, to your loving changes.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship 1: The Praise Team

1. Lead On O Cloud of Presence
2. We are Marching in the Light of God

Voices United #421
Voices United #646
South African Trad.

Prayer of Confession

God of Transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are deaf to your call.

When you reach out to us through the cries of the hungry and homeless, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us, we pray and set us free to love and serve. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Praise Team: Jesus Bids Us Shine

Voices United #585

Time for Youth and Young at Heart

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sheila Hill

One: Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Viewing the Mountains from the Valleys

Rev. Ken MacDonald

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music: Let There be Light

R. Fleming

Offertory Prayer

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare, so we do with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 2: The Praise Team

1. Majesty

Jack Hayford

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Shine Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Next Sunday: Lent 1 – Communion Service