

**February 11, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m. | Chapel**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord | Scout Sunday | Souper Bowl of Caring**

*Gathering Around the Word*

**Prelude**

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Arr. by Penny Rodriguez

**Lighting of the Candles**

Jesus is the Light of the World!

**Welcome and Announcements**

**✠ Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 50*

Steve Simpson

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.**

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer  
and the judge. Praise the LORD!**

**•✠ Opening Hymn 408**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. (Refrain)**

*Refrain:*      **Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.**

**There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)**

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*Being Renewed in Grace*

**•✠ Call to Confession**

*2 Peter 3:8-9*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about this promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. Trusting in God's promise let us confess all that separates us from the love of God and neighbor.

## ✠Prayer of Confession

Merciful God

**Your love and care for us knows no bounds. When our personal situations seem to be spinning out of control, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the circumstances of life and anxiety. We confess our lack of trust in your faithfulness towards us. Forgive us for our impatience and instead help us to see where You are already at work in our lives. Steady our minds and fix our hearts upon Your promises and goodness. Fill us with Your joy and encouragement as you renew our thinking. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus, Our Savior. Amen.**

## ✠Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✠Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## Anthem

*Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak*  
The Chancel Choir

Brian A. Wren/Paul Bouman

Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him  
Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting  
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder!  
Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son. Law and prophets fade before him,  
First and last and only One. Let creation now adore him!  
Alleluia!

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## Proclaiming the Word

### First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Steve Simpson

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."<sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."<sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

God's Word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."<sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"<sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

### Children's Lesson

Please be aware that our worship service is shared online. Those who sit toward the front may be viewed online.

This also includes children and youth who choose to come forward during this time.

## ✠Hymn 192

*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
 In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
 Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 Shine on me; shine on me. (*Refrain*)

*Refrain:* Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
 From the shadows into your radiance;  
 By the blood I may enter your brightness.  
 Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
 Shine on me; shine on me. (*Refrain*)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
 So our faces display your likeness;  
 Ever changing from glory to glory,  
 Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
 Shine on me; shine on me. (*Refrain*)

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*Responding to the Word*

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Offering Invitation

## Offertory

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

Arr. by Mark Hayes

✠Doxology (*all singing*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## ✦Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

## ✦Affirmation of Faith *(in unison)*

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Bearing and Following the Word Into the World*

## ✦Sending Hymn 370

*This is My Father's World*

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

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## ✦Charge and Benediction

## ✦Postlude

*Be Thou My Vision*

Arr. by Charles W. Ore

*The ushers this morning are Larry Brown, Tom Tootle, and Troop 2000.*

*The greeter this morning is Marion Vinson and Pack 1000.*

*The Stephen Minister this morning is Gail Steyer.*

## **The Worship Leaders this morning are:**

*Rev. George Tatro, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Brian Daoust, Associate Pastor for Youth and Missions*

*Heidi Chinnock, Director of Music Ministries and Organist*

*Steve Simpson, Liturgist*



## Upcoming Events at JCPC

2024-2025 Open Enrollment for Preschool is underway  
[jcpcusa.org/preschool](http://jcpcusa.org/preschool)

### February

Hands of Christ Volunteers Needed

Hands of Christ  
Volunteers  
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### February 8-25

Easter Lily Order Forms in bulletins and online  
(Quick Link in Reflections and Connections)

### February 14

Ash Wednesday Dinner  
6:00-6:45 p.m. | The Great Hall  
RSVP to [karlaa@jcpcusa.org](mailto:karlaa@jcpcusa.org) by February 12

Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. | Chapel

### February 16 and 17

Annual Prayer Vigil

Feb. 16 (1:00-9:00 p.m.) Feb. 17 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

File cards are inside your bulletin. Write praises and/or prayer requests on the card and place in offering plate or prayer box located in the Welcome Center. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

### February 25

JCPC Lunch Bunch  
Pearl Lian following worship

### March 1

Bashor Men's Shelter

## Name Tags for Sundays

*We have been working on new name tags for Sunday mornings. This is especially important as we are welcoming our new pastor, Rev. George Tatro. Please check on the round table in the Welcome Center for your name tag either before Sunday School or Worship. They will be in alphabetical order. If you don't have one, there are adhesive name tags you can use. There will be a clipboard with a list where you can add your name, and a name tag will be available for you the following Sunday. Please return your name tags to the table before leaving the church today.*



## Session Elders

### Class of 2024

Jeff Arnold, Stewardship Ministry Team  
Aisha Furtado (Youth Elder), Education Ministry Team  
Dawn Melin, Mission Ministry Team  
Zach Myers, Connecting Ministry Team  
Rich Shuler, Stewardship Ministry Team

Tom Traylor, Clerk of Session and Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

### Class of 2025

Roy Davey, Worship Ministry Team  
Marilyn Davis, Worship Ministry Team  
Debi Doverspike, Mission Ministry Team  
Vivek Furtado, Youth Ministry Team  
Reed Maurer, Connecting Ministry Team

### Class of 2026

Craig Cunningham, Youth Ministry Team  
John Gutekunst, Education Ministry Team  
Alice Ann Nilsen, Caring Ministry Team  
Jim Pope, Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

## Special note about our cameras

Welcome to worship! For many years, JCPC has recorded its worship services for those who are homebound or absent from worship. We are now able to Livestream the service from the worship hour. The worship leaders and the first few rows of the worship space are visible in these videos. The back rows are not visible in the Livestream or recording. Thank you for being with us this morning, and we hope you'll watch online when you can't be with us in person.

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