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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**February 14<sup>th</sup> - Transfiguration**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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# Welcome!

*Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

**VU: Voices United**

**MV: More Voices**

\* Please remain seated for all of service.\*

*We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

**Call to Worship** *from a prayer by Joanna Harader*

One: Sometimes God shows up  
in ways we cannot deny  
in a place we can go  
a light we can see  
a voice we can hear  
a stone we can touch.

**All: God shows up...**

One: When we have the eyes to see God's presence,

**All: So let us have the hearts to pray...**

**Opening Prayer** *adapted from a prayer by rev. karla*

One: Holy One, we come before you,  
many of us feeling like we have climbed just  
a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of  
a climb left to even get to point  
to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.  
It's easy to stop when we're tired,  
and when it seems like halfway there is good enough.

Our loads are heavy,  
with worry, with regret,  
with fatigue, with illness,  
with despair for all in the world that is hurting,  
in danger, in bondage and more.

We trudge ahead, following you,

stumbling, hoping, praying...  
breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes,  
even some of us are nimble and skipping.

Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain,  
all of us, where we might be dazzled by your Light,  
lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight  
of what is numinous and ethereal  
and grounded and real.

We pray this, for ourselves, for one another,  
and for the worlds in which we live in. Amen.

**Hymn      We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding** VU104

- 1    *We have come at Christ's own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.***
  
- 2    *Light comes forth to meet the darkness;  
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.***
  
- 3    *Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.***

**Story Time**

*1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Minute for Mission

#### Readings from Scripture (CEB) Mark 9:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. <sup>4</sup>Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good that we're here. Let's make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He said this because he didn't know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to

him!”<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.<sup>10</sup> So they kept it to themselves, wondering, “What’s this ‘rising from the dead’?”

**Anthem                      Steal Away**

**Reflection                enLIGHTened**

**Music                        Hymn to Freedom**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE**

**Invitation to Offering**            (Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))

### **Offertory**

#### **Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** *by Jim Burklo*

One: God is Love, the cosmic creativity  
present everywhere and in everything,  
worthy or unworthy, the God of Love  
gently urges all toward the good.

**All: To Love we raise our awestruck praise!**

One: Jesus embodied the Love that is God.  
He loved the poor, the sick, the outcast,  
He loved the unpopular, and even his own enemies.  
He loved so completely, he loved so dangerously,  
That it cost him his life.

**All: As Christians we aim to serve humbly, as he did,  
Resurrecting his life of Love  
through communion with others.**

One: The texts and traditions of Christianity  
give voice to our souls,  
so that we may support each other  
in our quests of compassion.  
And so we remember those who are hurting today,  
those seeking healing,  
praying for those named here, those named by you,  
those unnamed known only to God.

Praying for Lois Chambers as she makes her recovery from covid, and the uphill climb to health and wellbeing, we pray for Gail, we pray for all of us, to know that the love of God surrounds us now, and awaits us when we can gather again.

**All: Love is the measure of what is worth following,  
And what is not, in all religions.**

One: So we pray for a Holy Spirit of discernment  
To express our faith afresh in new times and places,  
knowing that love, respect, forgiveness, and grace,  
upturn our world. May we have the courage of Jesus  
to offer this love, for it is in his name we pray,

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, the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. **Amen**

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

Hymn                                      **When Love is Found v2-5**                                      **VU489**

**2** *When love has flowered in trust and care,  
build both each day, that love may dare  
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,  
to serve and strive for truth and right.*

**3** *When love is tried as loved-ones change,  
hold still to hope, though all seems strange,  
till ease returns and love grows wise  
through listening ears and opened eyes.*

**4** *When love is torn, and trust betrayed,  
pray strength to love till torments fade,  
till lovers keep no score of wrong,  
but hear through pain love's Easter song.*

**5 Praise God for love, praise God for life,  
in age or youth, in calm or strife.  
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed  
through death and life in broken bread.**

**Commissioning** *written by Roddy Hamilton*

One: Not all is as it seems:  
there is a glory hidden in everything  
waiting to be revealed  
to the eyes of those who believe  
beyond what seems inevitable  
who do not want to live in the status quo  
but in the promises of God.

Hold onto the vision  
as we turn towards Lent  
and walk the more difficult path;  
there is yet a greater glory  
still to be revealed.  
Go in hope, Go in love, Go in peace.

**\* Choral Benediction**

*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 God 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.*

*("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price 1988)*

**Postlude**

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**Announcements**

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**Faith Study** On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> we'll be starting our Lenten Faith Study entitled *Final Words from the Cross* with Adam Hamilton. We'll be joining together over Zoom, but instead of publishing the Zoom link, please contact [revchris@sjruc.ca](mailto:revchris@sjruc.ca) to be added to the email list.

**Tax Receipts** – Receipts for givings for 2020 have been mailed out. If you don't get your receipt, or if there are issues, please call the office.

**Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Join us on **\*Youtube\*** for a special service to start our journey into Lent.

**Lent** – Our theme for Lent is 'Love Builds up.' A special booklet will be emailed out to invite everyone into this important work.

**2021 World Day of Prayer** – Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada ([www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)) invites you to join with churches around the world in a liturgy prepared by the Churches of Vanuatu, with the theme, "Build on a Firm Foundation." There are three ways that you can participate.

You can watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at either 8:30 AM or 5 PM.

Or you can join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion and prayer session hosted by one of the following churches (please contact to receive the zoom link). Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church – 9 AM (please contact [office@stirlingmennonite.ca](mailto:office@stirlingmennonite.ca)) or St Matthews Lutheran Church – 11 AM ([info@stmattskw.com](mailto:info@stmattskw.com)) or St John the Evangelist Anglican Church – 1 PM ([acw@stjohn316.com](mailto:acw@stjohn316.com)) or St Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 7 PM ([office@standrewskw.com](mailto:office@standrewskw.com))

Or you can go directly to [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org) and view the video any time after February 15<sup>th</sup>! Donation information can be found on the website. Thank you for joining us!

**Irish Stew Drive Thru** – Join us on March 13 as we again support the Mission and Service Fund with a hearty meal! Details about ordering will be released soon!



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