

Bulletin for Worship

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Prelude:

Music Duet: "On Eagles Wings"

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Call to Worship

Jolene Schry

Life can seem mysterious and confusing, but in the presence of Christ our Lord there is clarity. Come see the great work God has been doing from the foundations of the earth, to bring healing and peace to all nations.

We have come to see Christ our Lord and Savior. We have come to worship God.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #666 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

O Splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O Light of Light, light's living spring,
true Day, all days illumining:

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
rain down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn,
your image to our heart is born;
O may we ever clearly view
our Savior and our God in you.

TEXT: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374; trans. Composite

MUSIC (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM): Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, You know how we tend to doubt those things that are beyond our understanding and control. Our spirits and our senses are easily fooled and we

question anything that is unexpected. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event.

Thank You for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank You for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be Your disciples, proclaiming Your transforming love to all people. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

God has revealed to you the love and presence of Jesus our Savior. We have been blessed by God to witness and proclaim God's love to all. Through the love of Jesus and grace of God's presence we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God for the presence of Christ which renews our faith and reveals to us God's loving presence. Amen.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Special Music video: Why Are You Downcast (Be Still My Soul)

Mark 9:2-9

² 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ 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.

Message: "The Light Shines Out of Darkness"
Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Sending Glory to God hymnal #12 "Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.

MUSIC (ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11): Welsh folk melody; arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839

Benediction