

Transfiguration of the Lord
6th Sunday After Epiphany
February 14, 2021



“The One Is Shining Forth”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Helyn Schroeder, Liturgist

Let us seek to simplify this moment, slow down for a time. Let us worship, leaning on prayer, reflection, and music. Let us worship God, who is holding our lives.

Threshold Moment

“God is Holding Your Life”

The Psalm that comes at the end of our series speaks of an active God whose light shines for all time and in all places. God is not silent, but calls the people to remember that they, too, can act on God’s behalf, holding all suffering peoples in hands of prayer and care and transforming the world that will shine bright into the future. May it be so. This last week we will sing all the verses of our theme song.

**Lift up your eyes, behold the hills.
From where will help and rescue come?
We call the One who made the earth,
Who bless'd the stars, the moon and sun.**

**God is holding your life
God is holding your life
God is holding your life, we believe
*[repeat refrain]***

**Turn now your gaze upon the earth
Where is the One who never sleeps?
We call the One who guards you now,
Your spirit safe in holy keep.**

**God is holding your life
God is holding your life
God is holding your life, we believe
*[repeat refrain]***

**Venturing out or coming home,
'neath heat of day or cool of night,
we call the one who hears your voice
and comes to heal and keep your life.**

**God is holding your life
God is holding your life
God is holding your life, we believe
*[repeat refrain]***

Opening Collect Prayer

Leader: Holy One, Light of the World,
you help us to see and find our way in this time.
Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right,
so that we might alight our own lives to show forth
your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

**People: We praise you for your steadfast presence,
holding our lives together in love. Amen.**

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Hymn #314

“Christ, Be Our Light”

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let
us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Psalm Reading

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Psalm 50:1-6

Lukan Psalter translation

ADONAI our God speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

ADONAI comes and won't be silent:
a devouring fire goes before God,
while storms rage all around.

God summons heaven and earth
to the trial of God's people:

“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who make their covenant with me
by sacrifice!”

The heavens affirm God's justice
because it is God who is the judge!

—Selah—

Psalm Song

Introduction from Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
and
Song: "The One Is Shining Forth"

Reflection

Debra Davies

Instrumental Music

Offering

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"Selah" Moment

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Let us have one more "Selah" moment together to end this series. However, we hope that you will continue to find and create these intentional pauses for yourself in your days, remembering to acknowledge the loving God who is holding your life. We will hear [the sound] and then have some silence. Feel free to close your eyes if you like. Imagine yourself held in safety and love and care. When you hear [the sound] again, open your eyes.

Time of Silence

Prayers of the People

Debra Davies

I invite you to write your prayer concerns on small pieces of paper. As we have done all along, we will place these prayers in a container [*bowl, box, etc*]-a symbolic action of placing them in God's hands, God's care.

Time for Writing Prayer Concerns

I invite you to place your hands on your container for a final blessing on these prayers:

Holy and Living God,
Jesus, Friend,
Spirit of Love and Care,
We commend to you these prayers, these cares.
We know already you are working, holding our lives in every way.
Help us all to know your steadfast presence
and be a steadfast presence to others in need.
Amen.

If this practice has become meaningful for you, we encourage you to keep your container in a place in your home where you can continue this practice. If you would rather, consider gifting someone else you know who may be having a hard time with your now-empty container and let them know how it has helped you.

Let the people say, "Selah"

Selah!

Let us continue our prayers. As a prayer posture for this worship series, I invite you to cup your hands, ready to receive God's love and peace, and in preparation to be God's love and peace in the world.

Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

God of Justice, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...

Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in comfort,
for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

Holy and Living One,
for those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,

hear our prayer.

Now we are bold to pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Debra Davies

[People sing]

Sung Prayer Response

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

**Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.**

Passing the Peace

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Will you make a gesture of extending your cupped hands toward others who may be with or near you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us? If you are alone, place your cupped hands over your heart, as a sign that you send your heartfelt peace out to the world.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[People sing]

**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short let hands speak out;
the heights of love expressing.**

Benediction

Debra Davies

Now go in the knowledge that God is holding your life
even as we hold each other.
You are not alone.
You are loved. Amen.

Postlude

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Special Announcement

The Annual Meeting has been set by Session to be held on February 28, 2021, after Services.

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Easter Flower Order Form



**Easter is just around the corner!
It's time to order flowers for the season!**

The following flower varieties will be available:

Easter Lily
1 stem \$8.50 _____
2 stem \$14.50 _____

Tulips
\$8.75 _____

Daffodils
\$8.75 _____

Hyacinths
\$8.75 _____

Orders must be received by **Sunday, February 28**, and will be ordered on **Monday, March 1**. Please fill out the order form below and return the form by mail or by placing it into the offering plate. Please feel free to take your plant home after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service on Sunday, **April 4**.

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