

# St. Andrew Worship

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**February 19, 2023**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Meeting Time**  
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: [www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org)

## Welcome and Announcement

Introit                                 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* arr. by E. Mihm                                 St. Andrew Bells Choir

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We have seen the light of God;  
*on high mountains of celebration  
and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.*  
We have seen the light of God;  
*through the bitter scorn of betrayal  
and the searing chasm of grief.*  
We have seen the light of God;  
*with eyes that have been shaded,  
with eyes that have been opened,  
with eyes that have been blinded.*  
We have seen the light of God. Let us worship our God!

### \*Hymn 193                                 *“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”*

*Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,  
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.*  
*There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.*  
*What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.*  
*Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.*  
*What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,*  
*"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."*  
*Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,  
where you shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world you died.*  
*Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"*  
*We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,  
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;*  
*Say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully.  
We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,  
and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.*

*You have given us a love more fully  
than anything we could experience in this world  
but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,  
and we look to our own means of assurance and security.*

*Forgive us.*

*Call us back to You  
that we may put our trust in  
You and not be afraid.*

*May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples  
did on the day of the Transfiguration;  
may we rise up, and not be afraid.  
In the name of Jesus, who loves us and  
offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.*

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased.  
You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved.  
You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away;  
see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love.  
Amen.

Gloria Patri

Anthem

*"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"* arr. by E. Mihm

St. Andrew Bells Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"*

\*Hymn 452

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

**Refrain:**

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you;  
I want to see you;*

**Refrain**

*To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."*

*Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.*

Prayer of Illumination (Responsive)

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Second Lesson:

2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Sermon

"Being Transfigured"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation (Unison)

*We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child,  
yet born of God's power as was no other child.*

*In the person and work of Jesus,  
God and a human life are united  
but not confused, distinguished but not separated*

*The coming of Jesus was itself  
the coming of God's promised rule.*

*Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,  
He brings about the relationship between God  
and humanity that God always intended.*

Offertory

"Dona Nobis Pacem" arr. by Larry Sue

St. Andrew Bells Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, your truth is a lamp shining in the darkness of this world's confusion and a fire burning in the coldness of human need. Let this offering and the dedication of our hearts and minds and souls be used to brighten and to warm our world and to bring you everlasting praise and glory. Amen

\*Hymn 192

*“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.  
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Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Benediction