

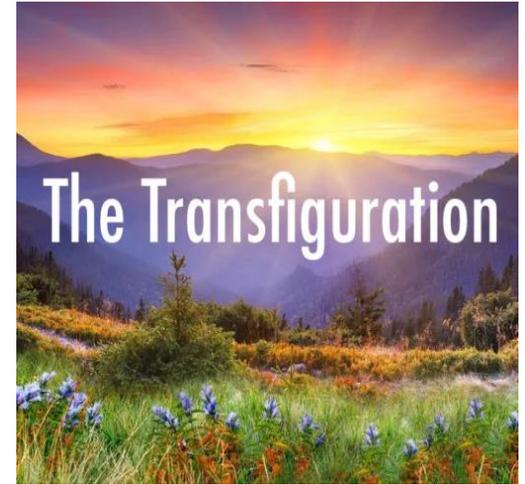


**Minooka
United Methodist
Church**

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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 11th, 2024

11:30AM

Mark 9:2-9 (Common English Bible)

² 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, ³ and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. ⁴ Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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.” ⁶ He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ 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.

LEADERS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER KIM NAVE
SONG LEADERS GAIL GIRARD & RUTH SATORIUS

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
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Entering Music

Welcoming

Pastor Dave

Preparing

*Gathering

Lay Reader

Reader: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Many Voices: Speak, Gracious God, your servants are listening.

Reader: The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

Many Voices: Show us, Creator of All, your servants are paying attention.

Reader: The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?

Many Voices: Guide us, Mother of Wisdom, and we, your servants, will follow.

Reader: Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

*Singing

“Welcome”

Worship & Song #3152

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection: May we find in the simplicity of silence connection to and wisdom from the God of All People.]

Reader: Welcoming God, whose voice of invitation unceasingly beckons us, we acknowledge that we are slow to hear your word, and slower to respond. We recognize that we have often turned away from you and closed our ears. We have robbed others of dignity by refusing to listen to their stories, and we have been more concerned with expressing ourselves than with opening ourselves to the song of creation.

[Quiet reflection and confession]

Reader: Forgive us, Gracious God. Hear our prayer and teach us to be at peace with ourselves, our neighbors, and our enemies. Help us to remember that you are the pre-dawn glow that promises yet another new beginning. You are the still dusk that brings rest to a weary world. You are the law that finds its fulfillment in love. You are the mountain where your presence blazes and burns. You are the valley where your face peeks out from suffering eyes. You are the

glory that we long for, the whispered rumor of a different order, the Shining One who transforms all of creation. You are the One we worship.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

Celebrating Baptism (see insert)

Reading Scripture Mark 9:2-9 (Common English Bible) Lay Reader

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen

Proclaiming

“Super-Sized Dreams”

Pastor Dave

*Singing

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” TFWS #2051

Giving

Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Gracious God, we are transformed by your love and grace. As we share our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives.

Transform our hearts and our actions to reflect the love and goodness Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. Amen.

*Singing

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH #519

*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

**Please stand if you are able.*

Life Every Voice and Sing

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

HYMNS

Welcome

Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, (Refrain)

Verse 3

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.
(Refrain)

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God Claims You

Refrain

Andee, Andee, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verse 1

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. (Refrain)

Verse 2

We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.
(Refrain)

Verse 4

And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullaby.
(Refrain)

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Verse 1

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Verse 2

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

Verse 3

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

Verse 4

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

Verse 5

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

Verse 6

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

Verse 7

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.