

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Transfiguration* Peter Pindar Stearns

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 17, v. 4)

*Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ.
To praise the Lord, your maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation, a cosmic chorus raise.
To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!*

* GREETING AND OPENING RESPONSES (from I John 3:2)

Landon Vincel

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Beloved, we are God's children now.

But what we will become has not been revealed to us.

What we do know is this: when we see Christ, we will be like him.

For we shall see him as he is.

* HYMN 189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

DEO GRACIAS

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

God of grace, in Jesus Christ you revealed the light of your glory. But, distracted by our own plans and desires, we turn our heads and avert our eyes. We speak when we should listen, and act when, in prayer, we should wait and reflect. Grant us wisdom to look into your light, and follow its leading, as we follow the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

*O, for the wonderful love he has promised—promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon—pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling—calling "O, sinner, come home."*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.81)

ANTHEM *Steal Away* Negro Spiritual
Zara Smith, soprano Arr. Fred Hall

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. 'Aint got long to stay here. My Lord he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul. My Lord he calls me by the lightning. Steal away to Jesus. 'Aint got long to stay here.

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-13 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.18)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 298, v. 2)

*Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise—life abundant, meant for each.
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

SERMON "Stifle Yourselves!" Dr. Butler
"While Peter was still talking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said..."

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ev'ry Time I feel de Spirit

Negro Spiritual

Venus Minaya, tenor

arr. Harry Thacker Burleigh

Every time I feel de Spirit moving in ma heart, I will pray. Up on de mountain ma Lord spoke. Out o' His mouth came fire an' smoke. Jerdan Ribber chilly an' col', chill de body but not de soul. All aroun' me look so shine. Ask me Lord if all was mine. Ain't but one train runs dis track. It runs to Heaven an' runs right back. Oh ev'ry time I feel de Spirit in ma heart, I will pray.

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

UNSER HERRSCHER

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

Christ Who Art the Light and Day

Johann Sebastian Bach

BWV 1096

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates

Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music

Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2026

10 a.m.
