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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“A Lyric Prelude”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

Herbert Colvin  
(1923-2011)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

*Written by Rev. Anna George Traynham*

Come, let us go to the holy mountain

**and worship Christ with the disciples!**

We will see Christ transformed before us.

**We will see our lives transformed before Christ.**

Come, let us go to the holy mountain

**and worship the Son of God.**

HYMN OF CREATION | “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Glory to God 12*

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, unchanging, 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!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

*Written by Rev. Anna George Traynham*

**God of transformation,**

**you make new life where there was old,**

**dazzling light where there were shadows,**

**peace where there was violence,**

**and friends where there were enemies.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**when we stand in the way of your transformative love.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace.**

**Call us to the mountain once more,**

**and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace.**

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Our God comes and does not keep silence;  
God speaks to us with grace and love,  
saying: You are my beloved child.  
This is the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI | *Sung*

*Glory to God 581*

**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, amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2: 1-12

*After crossing the Jordan, Elijah ascends to heaven in a chariot.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 2-9

*On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.*

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

HYMN OF JESUS CHRIST | "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

*Glory to God 193*

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!"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

From the Confession of 1967

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.  
We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us,  
the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue  
and complete his mission.  
This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Lord is My Shepherd”  
Peter Tiggelaar, Soloist

Don Humphreys

DOXOLOGY | *Sung*

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

*Glory to God 606*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

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