

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021 at 10 o'clock



*We are not human beings having a spiritual experience.
We are spiritual beings having a human experience.*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, French philosopher

PRELUDES

*Comin' for to Carry Me Home
This Little Light of Mine
The Hot Cat Jazz Band*

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: The mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes, the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandments etched in stone.

All: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny,

One: in a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch.

All: Sometimes.

One: Sometimes there is the veil of the overshadowing, terrifying cloud, the questions, the appearing and disappearing, the excitement, the wondering, the silence.

All: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.

One: Always God shows up, somehow.

All: So we have shown up here, now. May God give us eyes to see.

Joanna Harader

HYMN #33

How Great Thou Art

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! (Repeat)

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! (Repeat)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! (Repeat)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! (Repeat)

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OPENING PRAYER

God of all Creation, to this worried world
You reveal your presence in radiant glory and in gentle whispers,
on mountain tops and in shadowed valleys,
in classrooms and hospital beds,
in homes and in virtual spaces,
in the quiet of nature and on busy streets.
Yours is the presence that pushes past our fear to calm us;
Yours in the love that transforms our doubt with reassurance.
We come to dwell in your goodness and offer you the praise you deserve.
Amen.

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

ANTHEM

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
The First Church Choir
Hot Cat Jazz Band

Ken Medina

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

Kelly Munro

SERMON

Creative Transformation

Amie Giguere

A TIME OF 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.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
The Hot Cat Jazz Band

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN #592

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Jordan River chilly and cold, chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
I have heartache, I have woe, I have trouble here below.
While God leads me I'll not fear, I am sheltered by God's care.**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In
The Hot Cat Jazz Band

The members of the Hot Cat Jazz Band include:

Ross Tucker: trumpet
Chris Coulter: tenor sax
Tom Boates: trombone
Sonny Landolfi: guitar
Donn Doucette: bass
Nathan Lassell: drums