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**March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday**

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the day we celebrate Jesus' glory on the mountain. It is also the Sunday before the unique church season known as Lent. Lent is a time of dedication, discipline, and transformation for us! It's an opportunity to grow in faith and connections to God.

This year at PoP, our Lenten theme is...Finding God in the midst of the extremes.

We have designed worship, gatherings, and small groups that will meet you where you are! Maybe you want some joy in the form of socializing. Maybe you are eager to get your resistance and justice on? Maybe you are seeking peace...whatever it is that you need, we hopefully have a connection point for you.

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray this will be a time of connecting to God and one another so that we might leave this worship service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

Bold print indicates response from all the people

Gathering

Prelude *Prelude for Transfiguration*

("O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word" WAREHAM) Matthew Corl

Welcome

****Please stand as you are able****

***Gathering Hymn** *Come, Beloved of the Maker*

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The Baptisms of Dean Paul & June Eleanor

Much of our baptism is a call and response. You may open your hymnals if you wish to follow along for the speaking of the Creed. Page 227.

Blessing the water together:

Saving God, we give you thanks for the waters of creation that have nourished the earth since you spoke life into being.

We remember Noah and his family rocking back and forth on the floodwaters, Miriam keeping watch over her brother Moses in the Nile, the Israelites fleeing through the spray of the Red Sea, the thirsty drinks they took from water that poured from a rock in the desert. You sent your son to be carried by the water and waves of Mary's womb, to be baptized in the Jordan with the crowds, to turn water into wine, to meet the Samaritan woman at the well, to feel the thirst of humanity in life and

death. Rain down your Spirit so that, by this water and your word, we are renewed by the gifts of Jesus and the truth about love. Amen.

Congregational Blessing: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Lord's Prayer Circle

Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.
splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

The Word

*Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28 - 43a

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Kid’s Message

Drew Ajer

Sermon

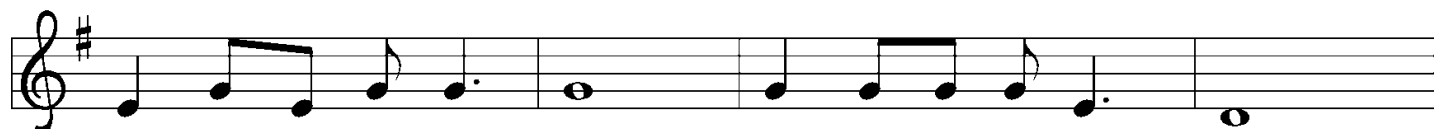
Pastor Sara

*Song of the Day

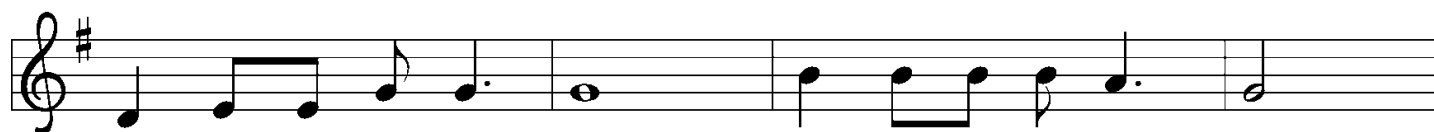
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.

L: God of grace, **C:** Hear our prayer.

In a time of divisiveness and anger, we come to the table in unity, and in hoped for unity. It is a moment of peace & encouragement that can buoy our spirits for the living of these days.

Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white. Please be welcome here!

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

***Passing of the Peace**

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.

Offering

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



The Meal

****Please stand as you are able****

***Words of Institution**

***Invitation to Receive Communion**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table. No matter one's race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith background.

Communion Music *Be Thou My Vision* setting by Healey Willan

Dear ones, our worship ends with a sending—we do not go empty handed or empty-hearted. We leave with a blessing, we close with a song whose words and tune can help remind us of the timeless gift that faith gives us to endure, to resist, to rest. Each are faithful responses

Remember, too, if you are looking for community and people to connect with, we have many activities and opportunities to be with others.

The Sending

Announcements

***Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

***Sending Song** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God. We will!

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude music

Postlude *Postlude on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*
Percy Whitlock

With thanks to our worship leaders:

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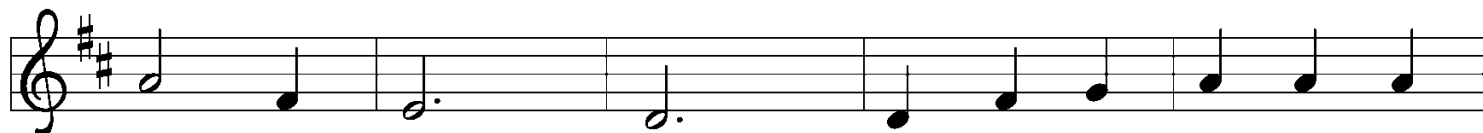
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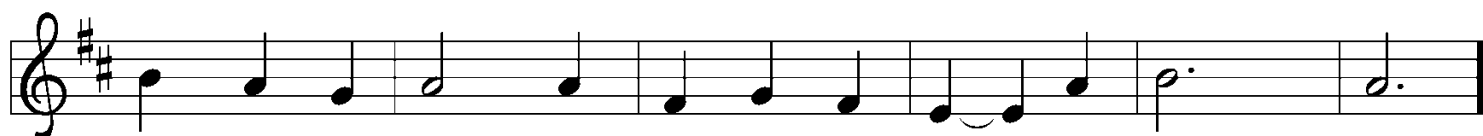
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.