

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
February 11th, 2024
'Transfiguration Sunday'

Praise Medley: Called by Earth and Sky, Cares Chorus,
Heavenly Sunlight, You Are Holy

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: We Are Pilgrims **VU 595 vs 1 & 4**

Call to Worship:

We have walked beneath the stars and their glory guides us to the promised one.

We have walked along the seashore and heard the call to follow.

We have been dipped in the water and know we are the beloved of God.

It is good to be here for we shall see the glory of God.

Come, let us worship together.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

God of light and glory, may we recognize your glory around us – a sense of the sacred found in the everyday: in the stories of faith we tell, in the lives of the people we meet, in the words we use to speak. May your majesty and mystery always be within our seeing, close enough for our hearing, and present in our living. Amen.

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation **VU 660**

Prayer of Confession:

God of the mountains and clear skies, here we can see ourselves more clearly, where the air is thinner and the light is clearer, we confess we long to fold up our living.

We long to hide away from the times when what we have done has not brought glory to you and has caused you and others pain.

We want to forget those times when the opportunities for doing what is right have not been taken, and the chance to speak out has not been grasped.

We want to fold up, hide from the truth, and be left alone.

But you are the God of transformation. Transfigure our confession, that we may hear your forgiveness, and find renewal and life again. (moment of silence)

Assurance of Pardon:

God says: "It is good for you to be here." God says: "You are my beloved child." God says: "Listen to me." Through forgiveness, there is change, and in being forgiven, there is an unfolding, an un-crushing, an enlivening and the bringing of life. I will unfold your pain, I will un-crush your soul, I will un-crease your hope, and in that transfiguring, together we might find the glory I honed into your life at creation.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God (Jump for Joy)

A Time With the Children

Offertory Hymn: He Came Singing Love **VU 359 vs 1**

Offertory Prayer:

We give thanks, O God, that you touch our world with compassion, freely offering the wholeness and restoration we need. We offer our grace-filled lives to you so you can reveal your healing power to others. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50 **page 775 of Voices United**
Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

Hymn: My Soul Cries Out

Meditation

Ministry of Music: I Will Always Be with You/Living in the Light

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: God Is Love

Hymn: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection **VU 586**

Blessing and Benediction