



Now
the appearance of
the glory of the LORD
was like a
DEVOURING
FIRE
on the top of
the mountain ...
EXODUS 24:17, NRSV

*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, February 23, 2020
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Sunday after Epiphany*

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*“A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love.”*

*: *Please stand if you are able.*

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WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN

WOV # 651

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*HYMN OF MERCY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, on the mountain You showed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all His glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

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Exodus 24:12-18

PSALM

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Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire, **and the peoples plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the LORD and his anointed, saying,**

"Let us burst their bonds asunder, **and cast their cords from us."**

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

"I have set my king on Zion, **my holy hill."**

I will tell of the decree of the LORD:

He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be
angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly
kindled. **Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1107

2 Peter 1:16-21

*GOSPEL VERSE

"Hallelu, Hallelu"

*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 894

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 554

"This Is My Father's World"

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

*APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third
day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder, You formed us in our mother’s womb, and from the earth You bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on Your table, together with our lives and all that You have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out Your Spirit. We wait for Your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

COMMUNION

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**Word’s of Institution, *Lord’s Prayer, Distribution*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“It Is Well With My Soul”

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, You have kept Your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send Your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to Your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***BLESSING:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING HYMN

“My Life Is in You, Lord”