

\*Song: "Is He Worthy"

*Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**  
But do you know that all the dark  
won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.***

*Is all creation groaning? **It is.**  
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.***

***Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.***

*Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**  
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.**  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.***

***Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!***

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive © 2018 Capitol CMG Genesis, Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
Jakedog Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.), Capitol CMG Genesis, Junkbox Music (Admin. by The Bicycle Music Company, Inc.)

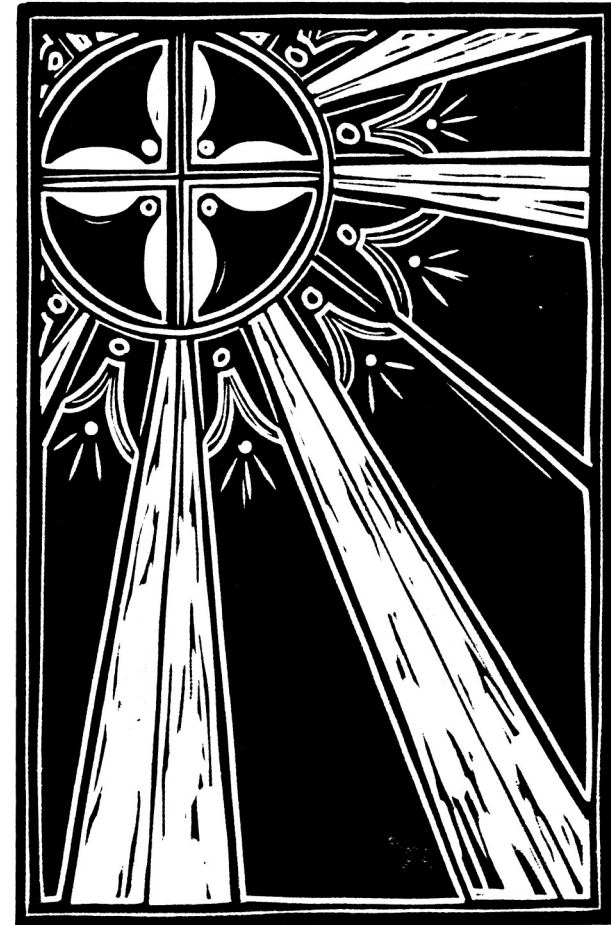
\*Benediction

#### Worship Participants

Pastor: Justin Bailey ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Vocalist: Rylan Brue ♦ Reader: Emily Kramer  
Sound: Aidan Bender ♦ Projection: Marty Vander Plaats ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

# Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020



#### Prayer of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

† Cover art: *Cross and Sun Rays*, Linoleum block print by Elizabeth Steele Halstead  
Reprinted by permission from *Visuals for Worship*, © 2006 Faith Alive Christian Resources

## Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

**Let them praise your great and awesome name.**

**Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.**

**Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them;**

**you were a forgiving God to them,**

**but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;**

**for the Lord our God is holy.**

\*Song: "We Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562:1,4

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Lectionary Reading: II Peter 1:16-21

p.1894

\*Song: "The First Place"

LUYH 15

## Renewal

Call to Confession (based on Romans 8:39)

p.1758

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: "When Peace Like a River"

LUYH 451

## Word

Children's Blessing: "Christ, Be Our Light" (*chorus only*)

LUYH 908

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

p.1524

Sermon: "A Glimpse of How Things Really Are"

Dr. Justin Bailey

## Response

\*Song of Response: "Beautiful Savior"

LUYH 17

\*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

LUYH 783A

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund which provides monetary support to our members who have financial needs and helps support families who otherwise would still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Sonnet: "Transfiguration"

Malcolm Guite

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',

On that one mountain where all moments meet,

The daily veil that covers the sublime

In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.

There were no angels full of eyes and wings

Just living glory full of truth and grace.

The Love that dances at the heart of things

Shone out upon us from a human face

And to that light the light in us leaped up,

We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,

A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope

Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.

Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar

Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.