

Epiphany

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Worship Participants

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II Kings 2:11

As they continued walking and talking,
a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,
and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Gathering

Prelude: Selections from *Elijah* Oratorio by F. Mendelssohn
*"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
 ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith your God.
 O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
 and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 50:1-6

East: **The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
 from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

West: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

East: **Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
 before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**

West: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
 that he may judge his people.**

East: **"Gather to me my faithful ones,
 who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

All: **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**

*Song: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" LUYH 667

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" LUYH 9

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion,
 in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light,
 yet we continue to live in darkness.
 Preoccupied with ourselves,
 we fail to see your work in the world.
 We speak when we should listen;
 we act when we should reflect.**

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**Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways
 for the sake of him who is the light of the world,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (based on II Corinthians 3:17-18) p.1797

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
 and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
 And we all with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord
 are being transformed into the same image
 from one degree of glory to another,
 for this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!
 Praise be to God!**

Song of Thanksgiving: "Beautiful Savior" LUYH 17:1,3,4

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: II Kings 2:1-12 p.570

Sermon: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "God of the Prophets" LUYH 853:1,2,5

*We Profess Our Faith: The Nicene Creed LUYH 806

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Benediction

*Song: "This Little Light of Mine" LUYH 930

Postlude: Selection from *Elijah* Oratorio by F. Mendelssohn
Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.