

# Transfiguration Sunday



Worship Service

February 15, 2026



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Liturgist: Dawn Barnes

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\* **Congregation Standing**

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer

WELCOME

CENTERING HYMN

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UM #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings;

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to meet the God of glory and grace.

**The One who shines light into our darkness.**

On the mountain, Christ is revealed in radiant love.

**We come to listen, to worship, and to be transformed.**

This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!

**We come to see, to hear, and to follow.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Holy and radiant God,**

**You call us up the mountain of worship to glimpse your glory in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see, our hearts to trust, and our lives to be shaped by your transforming love. May your light shine among us today, that we may leave this place changed and sent. In the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*OPENING SONG**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”      GTG #611**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we often prefer comfort to courage, silence to witness, and safety to faithfulness. We want to stay on the mountain, but we resist the call to go back down into a world that needs your light.**

**Forgive us when we fail to listen to your son.**

**Forgive us when we turn away from the work of love, justice, and reconciliation you set before us. Transform us by your grace, that we may follow Jesus with joy and boldness.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe! Your sins are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*THE RESPONSE

“Glory Be to the Father”

GTG #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, shine your light upon your Word, that we may hear  
what you are saying to your church today. Open our hearts and  
minds, that we may listen to Jesus and follow where he leads.  
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:12-18

ANTHEM

“This Little Light of Mine” SJU Chancel Choir  
*Spiritual; arr. Neil A. Johnson*

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

On a Monday, He gave the gift of love  
On Tuesday peace came from above

On Wednesday told me to have more faith  
On Thursday gave me just a little more grace  
On Friday told me to watch and pray  
On Saturday told me just what to say  
On Sunday gave me the power divine  
Just to let my little light shine

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-35

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Hyiwot Teshome  
"Being His Witness"

MESSAGE

Pastor Hyiwot Teshome  
"A DWELLING FOR WHOM?"

RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

UMH #176

Majesty, worship his majesty;  
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

CALL TO OFFERING

Having seen God's glory in Christ, we are called to live and give  
as witnesses to God's grace. Let us offer our gifts, our lives, and  
our love to God.

OFFERTORY

"Open My Eyes"

(Video)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God,**

**Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use**

**them to shine your light in this community and beyond.  
Make us faithful witnesses through what we give and how  
we live, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

**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  
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not  
into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” GTG #192  
(“*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*”)

***Refrain:***

***Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

***Refrain***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

***Refrain***

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;

ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

***Refrain***

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Hyiwot Teshome

\*POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer

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*Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible*

**Exodus 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Luke 9:28-35**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes

became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

**CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 – 22**

**All meetings are via Zoom (unless otherwise noted).**

All meetings are open to the members and affiliates of SJU unless otherwise noted. Members are encouraged to connect to, engage, and invest in the life and leadership of this Body of Christ, the church! Contact [SJUColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com) if you wish to receive meeting and contact information on anything below:

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| Sun, 2/15 | 8:30 am<br>10:30 am | CHRISTIAN APPLICATION<br><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br><i>(in-person and livestream)</i><br><i>(Scheduled liturgist: Dawn Barnes)</i>        |
|           | 11:30 am            | <b>FELLOWSHIP</b> (Room 10)  |
| Sun, 2/1  | 8:30 am<br>10:30 am | CHRISTIAN APPLICATION<br><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br><i>(in-person and livestream)</i><br><i>(Scheduled liturgist: Patsy Nwagbaraocha)</i> |
|           | 11:30 am            | <b>SJU Black History Month<br/>Celebration</b> (Room 16)   |



**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

Our annual joint  
Ash Wednesday service with Christ United Methodist Church  
is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm  
at Christ United Methodist in Owen Brown Interfaith Center,  
Sanctuary A.



You can also participate in the service via Zoom.  
See the Flash for the Zoom link.



Don't forget to submit your prayer requests to our Prayer Chain for  
distribution on Thursdays at 2pm via email. We would love to  
support you spiritually and also hear about God's blessings.

**Email your submissions to [SJUColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com)**