

# THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Pre-Service Music** Bagatelle in A Beethoven

**Call to Worship** adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

God of glory, you create us with light. You fashion us out of glory, and it shines in our faces.

**We worship you in awe, and we seek your presence among us.**

Christ, you are the glory of God, the light of the world. You are the fulfillment of the law and prophets.

**We turn to you to teach us, to heal us, to re make us, so that we will again shine with the glory of your image.**

Holy Spirit, you are the light of grace within us. Each of us is a pillar of fire, shining with the power of your love.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us from one degree of glory to another, by your grace. Alleluia!**

**Hymn** Come, Come Everybody Worship TFWS #2271  
vs. 1-4

**Prayer of Confession** adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

On this Transfiguration Sunday, when we remember the brilliance of your glory given to us in the person of Jesus Christ, we come together to God to seek healing.

**God, you have created us to shine with your love. We confess that we have hidden your light. We have hidden ourselves from those who seek to know and love us. We have dimmed your love and dimmed your presence within us. Forgive us. Remove the coverings that hide your glory in us.**

**Words of Assurance** *silence for prayer*

Our lives are your praise. Our Being is your glory.

**Come, Spirit of Light, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

## TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

**Music Ministry** Let Not Your Heart be Troubled Ruth E. Schram

**Children's Time** Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

### SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Roy Sun, Nigel Sun  
Liturgists - Harriet Aryeetey, Pearl Assan  
Reader - Ed Sproles  
Musicians - Chancel Choir,  
Julia Hanna  
Ushers - Paul Manulik, Reginald Cann,  
Lou Davelman, Bob Nuse

**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN  
WITH GREAT APPRECIATION TO ALL  
FOR THEIR PRAYER SUPPORT DURING  
JOHN'S ILLNESS**



**BY THE MACDONALDS**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 58:1-12  
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**Prayers of the People**

**Offertory** Reflections Ola Gjeilo

**Holy Communion** UMH #13

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Prayer After Receiving**

## AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** A Wilderness Wandering People *see insert*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Shine, Jesus Shine arr. Mark Hayes

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those who are without homes, especially during this particularly cold weather and precipitation. Prayers for those struggling with their physical and mental health.

Prayers for our country's leaders during this tumultuous time. May they make decisions that benefit our communities as a whole and find strength in hearing constituents and people above the noise amongst everything else.

Prayers for people in all places in war. Pray for their leaders to come to peaceful resolutions.

Prayers for the immigrants and refugees, and for all people fleeing danger in search of hope and a better life.

### HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonnee.mac@verizon.net. Email Pastor Tayler Necochea at tayler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STONEBRIDGE COMMUNION

You are invited to the Stonebridge Methodists communion service on March 9, 2 p.m. at Stonebridge, 100 Hollinshead Spring Rd, Skillman, NJ in the Club Room. Rev. Jenny Smith Walz will preside. All are welcome! Contact: postberg1@aol.com

### MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Our special offering for March will go towards the 'One Great Hour of Sharing,' a Sunday marked by a multi-denominational effort to raise money for disaster relief and humanitarian development. As United Methodists, our funds go towards the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR operates domestically and internationally, and is entirely funded by donations made directly to UMCOR.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for our Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Sanford Davis Room will be open all day for the Labyrinth Walk and self imposition of ashes.

### OPENING OUR DOORS ON LENTEN THURSDAYS

Every Thursday during Lent, the church will be open for meditation and prayer, with the opportunity to take a self guided tour. We need volunteers to make this a reality! If you can volunteer to help welcome visitors, please email Tyler in the office at tyler@princetonumc.org

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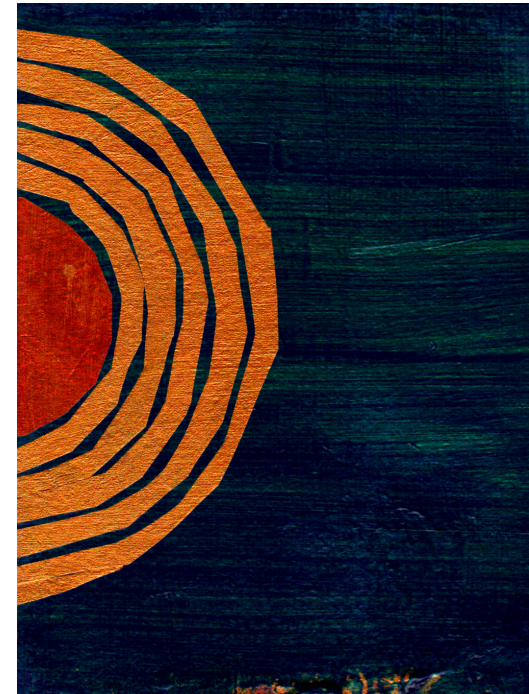
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**MARCH 2, 2023**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**



**An Ancient Light | by Jan Richardson**

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