



Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ Transfiguration Sunday February 14, 2021

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Sonata in C: Adagio - Franz Joseph Haydn
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O Taste and See - R. Vaughan Williams
When the Saints Go Marching In/This Train is Bound for
Glory - John & Zac Girash
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Sabbaths 2014- VI

by Wendell Berry

Up in the blown-down woods
you try to imagine the tornado
cracking through the trees
while you slept, branches
and birds' eggs whirling
in the dark. You can't do it.
You can imagine the place
as it was, and as it is.
The moment of transformation
the presence of creation,
itself beyond your reach.

Prelude

Sonata in C: Adagio

Franz Joseph Haydn

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship

Don Moir

Gathering for this sacred hour,
we anticipate new wonders each week.

**Wherever two or three are gathered to worship,
a holy spirit is present.**

Open our eyes to witness
the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed,
even this day, even in this place.

**We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary
but when we leave today may our hearts be open
to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

Holy God, your glory and power energize our lives. Alleluia! Bathe us in the warm glow of your love and faithfulness. Transform us this day and every day to live as part of your story. Alleluia, Amen!

Opening Hymn **Arise Your Light Is Come** - New Century Hymnal #164

1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today!

2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

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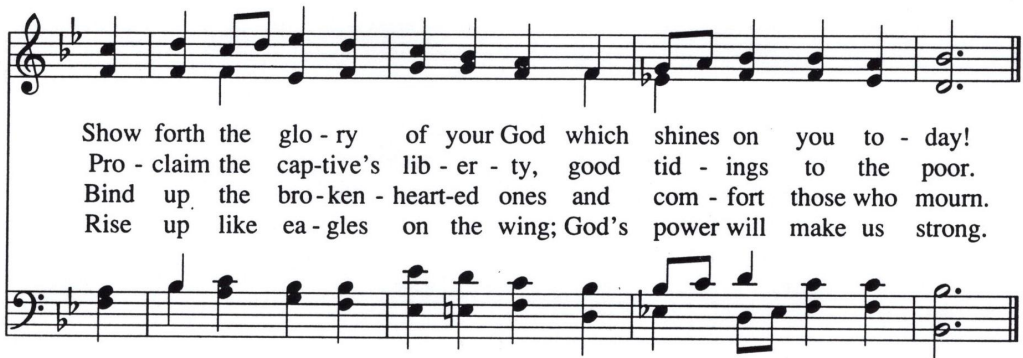
Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
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Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
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2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

O Taste and See

R. Vaughan Williams

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Fuller

Peter offered to build a tabernacle on the mountain with Jesus.
But God does not dwell in houses made with human hands.
Let us offer ourselves in service to those God loves.
Let us offer our sacrifices to build community,
bring peace, and be a double blessing
to those in need throughout the world. Amen

Offertory

When the Saints Go Marching In/This Train is Bound for Glory John & Zac Girash

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Doxology (#515 Red)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Don Moir

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus
and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life.
May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other
and the God who loves us all. Amen

Closing Hymn **We Have Come** - New Century Hymnal #182

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988*

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the
flesh-joined Word; Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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Now may the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness”
and has shone in our hearts, give us light to bear to the world
that all may see and know that God is love. Amen.

Postlude

I’m Gonna Sing/Ain’t-a That Good News?

arr. Larry Shackley

Source Notes: Much of the liturgy today is from the UCC’s Worship
Ways, this week by Rev. Madison Shockley of Pilgrim UCC, Carlsbad,
California. The Opening Prayer is from Seasons of the Spirit.



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