

Southminster Presbyterian Church



*A Service for the Worship of God
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
(Scout Sunday)*

PREPARATION

We invite you to light your Christ Candle at home as we light it during worship.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Grayson Atkins, Boy Scout

Call to Worship

*One: Within all things,
behind the gray surface,
there is a glory escaping,
born of heaven—*

**All: a light that welcomes
a more profound way of seeing things
and transfigures the world.**

*One: It is a glory
that meets us wherever we encounter Christ,
covered in the dust of the world,
and whenever we find ourselves
caught up in the glory of heaven.*

**All: May God's light, shining in the face of Christ,
illumine all our days!**

Hymn # 662

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
Please join our soloist in singing the hymns.

Cari Sullivan

Prayer of Confession

in unison

Holy God, we come into the light of your presence with our minds veiled. We think we want to see you face to face, and yet we are afraid that you might ask us to change. You might tell us that we can't stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. Forgive us, God, and help us to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to the transforming work you are doing in and around us in the name of love. Grant us a new birth of spirit, that we might be instruments of your healing and peace.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*One: We are God's children, the beloved of God's heart.
God speaks words of healing and hope to us, if we only listen.*

**All: On mountaintops and in valleys,
in our hopes and in our hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

*One: By God's mercy, we are forgiven; we are made whole;
and we are equipped to serve others in Christ's name.*

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response to Forgiveness

“Gloria, Gloria”

Hymn # 583

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Josh Sweeney

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Anthem

“Shine, Jesus Shine”
Vocal Ensemble

*Graham Kendrick
arr. Mark Hayes*

