

Hiram Christian Church
Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 11, 2024



Transfiguration by Theophanes the Greek

Where Do You See God?

They asked Kharaqani:
“Where do you see God?”

He said:
“Wherever I don’t see myself.”

~ Kharaqani

A Service for the Worship of God

February 11, 2024

May this time of worship be nurturing to your Spirit,
further encouraging you to be who God has created you to be.

Prelude	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	Karl Osterland
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
Many:	And also with you.	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise.	
Many:	Some of us see you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion.	
One:	And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.	
Many:	When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground.	
One:	When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.	
Many:	Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.	
*Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	#4
*Prayer of Invocation		
Children's Sermon		
Special Music	<i>As We Sail to Heaven's Shore</i>	Steve Stork
Scripture Reading	Mark 8: 27 – 38; 9 1 – 8	p. NT 34
Sermon	"He did not know what to do." (Or rather, he did, but he didn't trust it.)	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>Transform Us</i>	#182
Prayers of the People		
Silent Meditation		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(The language of "debts" and "debtors" is often used. The prayer may begin with the image of parent, "Our Father" or "Our Mother." Use the language that draws you close to our God.)</i>	
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Nancy Schauer
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye Heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#46
*Prayer of Gratitude		
Invitation to the Table	This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table. All are welcome. All are worthy.	Nancy Schauer
Communion Hymn	<i>God, Be the Love</i>	(see below)
Celebration of Communion		
Words of Institution		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Nancy Schauer
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life</i>	#432
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
Postlude	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Dale Wood

Following the Benediction, your service begins.

4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4. Ho - ly, God Al - might - y!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Thy works praise thee in earth and sky and sea;
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin-ful hu-man eye thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

God most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y;

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994

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God, all ho - ly, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 God ev - er - liv - ing, through e - ter - ni - ty.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Transform Us

Unison

1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on
 2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those
 3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with -

Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
 ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
 in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion -

search us with re - veal - ing light. Lift us from where we have
 of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your
 time and truth we quick - ly bind. Lead us down those dai - ly

fall - en, full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
 Bod - y, cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
 path - ways where our love is not con - fined.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989

MUSIC: Traditional French melody (17th century); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906PICARDY
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God, Be the Love

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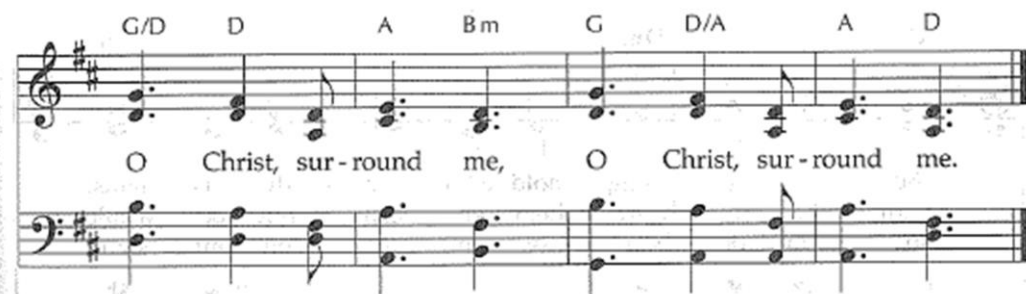
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1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly; great cloud of wit-ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light; flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eye of all who see me; Christ in the ear that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph-ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit-ness:
 strength of wind; depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove and al - ways,
 hears my voice; Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



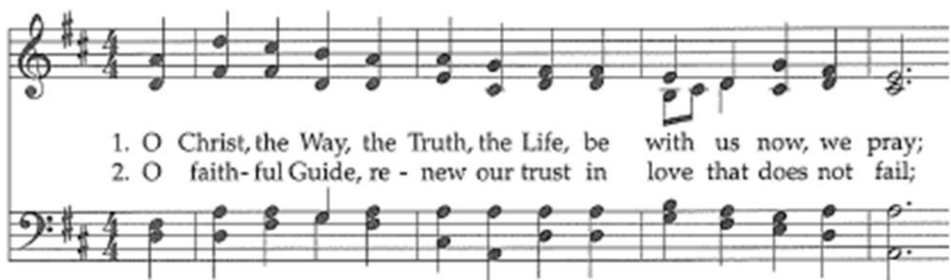
O Christ, sur-round me, O Christ, sur-round me.

Text: based on the "Prayer of St. Patrick" (Ireland), 5th c.; Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (USA)
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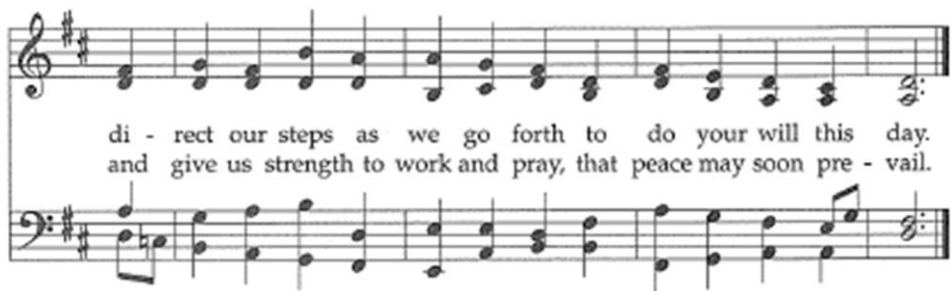
THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

John 14:6

432 O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life



1. O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;
 2. O faith-ful Guide, re - new our trust in love that does not fail;



di - rect our steps as we go forth to do your will this day.
 and give us strength to work and pray, that peace may soon pre - vail.

WORDS: James L. Merrell, 1991
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836
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ST. PETER
 CM

Ministers:	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
Organist:	Drew Hinkle
Supporting Musician:	Steve Stork
Reverend:	Chris McCreight

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4C's Needs: For February – canned potatoes, granola bars, coffee (any kind). Please remember to check any expiration dates before donating! Monetary donations can be sent to: The 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, OH 44255

Nelson Garrettsville Comm. Cupboard: 8233 Park Ave, Garrettsville, OH 44231

++ Stewardship: If you would like to make a gift to the church via credit/debit card, you can follow the link to our website below.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sun. Feb. 11: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**

11:00am Worship

Tue. Feb. 13: **9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office**

8:00pm AA

Wed. Feb. 14: **12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service**

7:00pm Evening Ash Wednesday Service at MCCC

Sun. Feb. 18: First Sunday of Lent – New Worship Order!

9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room

11:00am Worship

Team Leaders meeting after worship

2-4pm Chi Rho– creating comics with Juan Fernandez

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Church office hours: Mon. 9:30-12:30pm; Tue. & Wed. 9:30-3:30pm.

Key: **in Admin. bldg.**; **in the Hall**; **an in-person event**; **hybrid event**.

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