

Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022



Rev. Raygan Baker



Welcome!

Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

Text "New" to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry? Don't worry, we've (literally) all been there.

The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Handbells
- arr. S. Geschke

"Make a Joyful Noise" - K. McChesney

Welcome Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

One: The realm of God breaks through in mysterious ways;

All: We cannot limit the creativity of God's unfolding.

One: There are times when holy bewilderment seeps into our souls

All: and shakes us from sleepwalking through our precious lives.

One: In moments of awe, we experience the vastness of being alive.

All: In moments of wonder, we marvel at what is beyond words.

One: Sometimes Holy Mystery flicks on the light and asks us to wake up to Possibility.

All: Come, let us worship the God of Mysterious and Determined Hope.

***Hymn** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #182, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

Holy and Wild One,
When we want to wrangle you in or fold you neatly into our worldview,
expand our hearts to hold the breadth of your creative love.
Companion us as we soften towards surprise and discomfort that,
together, we might embrace your holy realm. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

Choral Anthem

“Give Me Jesus” - arr. H. Helvey

Chance Choir
John Morrice, violin

Time for Discovery

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

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

Scripture Reading:

Luke 9:28-43

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

Sermon

*Hymn

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

#293, pew hymnal

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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Prayers of the Church

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

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*Blessing and Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

"Swing Five" - Johannes Matthias Michel

Scott Horton,
Organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

New Worship Time!

**Starting on Sunday, March 6, we will be hosting an Exploration Hour
beginning at 9am!**

Our Worship Service will begin at 10:00am!

**More information about Exploration Hour at
<https://bigredchurch.org/exploration-hour/>**



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2

7:00pm

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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 bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

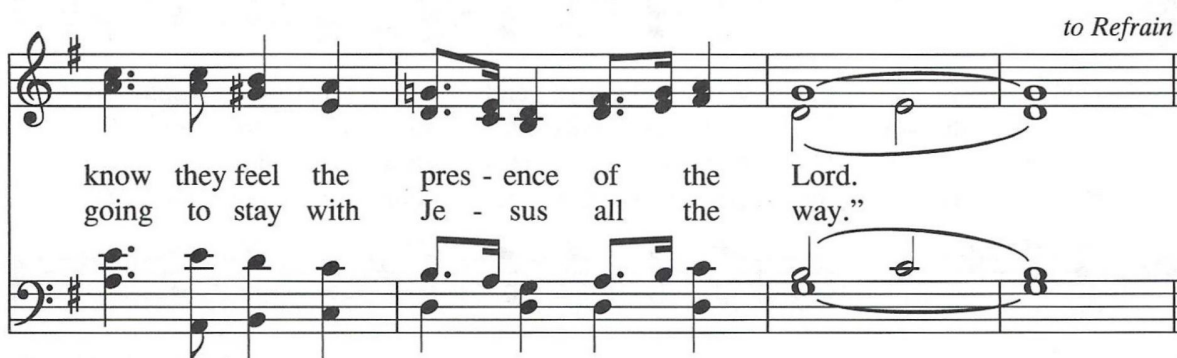


know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

This Week at Big Red

Monday, Feb. 28

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Friday, March 4

- ♦ No Events

Tuesday, March 1

- ♦ No Events

Saturday, March 5

- ♦ No Events

Wednesday, March 2

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ **7:00pm:** Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Sunday, March 6

- ♦ **9:00am:** Exploration Hour (Various)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 3

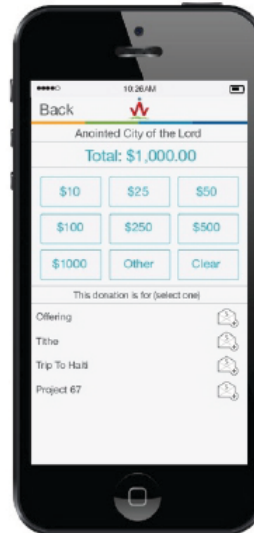
- ♦ No Events

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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.