

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster
Aldergrove, Gladwin Heights, St. Andrews
and Trinity Memorial United Churches
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14th, 2021**

Thank you for Connecting for Worship

Today's Leadership includes

Preacher: The Rev. Tim Bowman

Presiding: The Rev. Bill Booth & The Rev. Tracy Fairfield

Musician: Donna Poncelet

Song Leader: Deborah Handley

Technical Support: Jeremy Wright

People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Words of Welcome, Announcements from Each Congregation all
Land Acknowledgement Bill**

Lighting the Rainbow Candles Tim

Lighting the Christ Candle Tracy/Bill

Just as Jesus shone with the Glory of God as sign of God's presence on the Earth, so we light this Christ to remind our hearts that God's Glory still shines in, on and through us to heal the world.

(the candle is lit)

The Light of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Sung response: "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star." MV 220 2 x

Hope shines as the solitary star, faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home. (2 x)

Call to Worship: Bill

As we gather this day from many places, the light of God shines upon each of us. With prayer and song, words of our ancient tradition and the exploration of what they mean for us in our everyday lives, we bring our worship to you great and blessed God for we are one people basking in the glory of your light. Let us worship.

Opening Prayer: Tracy

Bright Shining Spirit of God, shine with your glory upon our lives, burn away all that inhibits us from fully experiencing your presence as we come before You in worship. Remove the veil we placed over our hearts as we shy from your brilliance. Touch us with your gentle presence and wash away our fear. Sweep away our static proclamations and inspire in our hearts life-giving words of hope.

All: As your people we have come before you seeking your glory and your presence in our lives.

One: bright shining spirit of God enter this moment and transform us and all them anyways we need renewal. In the name of the transfigured Christ. Amen.

Hymn: “God We Praise For the Morning” VU 415

*God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise, joy in work and in play.*

*God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.*

*God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter, help your children to grow.*

*God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.*

*God, we praise you for the Saviour, come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Christ is Lord of our days!*

Time with our Children: Bill

Hymn: “Shine Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus,
Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine
on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light. Let there be light.

We invite the children and their leaders into breakout rooms.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

Corinthians 4:1-10

⁴Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

Mark 9:2-9

²Six 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.

⁹As 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Tim

Hymn: "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" VU 578

*As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.*

*We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.*

*As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION

Prayer of Response: Bill

Holy one, You are the light in our life, You are the bright shining of hope in our journey, You are the light at the end of the tunnel, and the Beacon guiding us forward. Yet we turn and look for other beacons and fail to find the peace we yearn for. And at other times when your light shine from an unfamiliar source we demand that it be veiled. Give our hearts the courage to turn towards your light as we seek for renewal and healing for this world. Shine upon us so that we can shine your light for your hurting world. Amen

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance: Bill

Our loving God may be the source of the power, but you are the glowing filament that shines in this dark world. God's hope, love and light is found in many places. It is your task to lift high that light so the world knows there is hope and that we are not alone. We live in God's world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and all the World: Bill

Prayers shared from the chat: Tim

Holy God, you hear our words; you hear our hearts. We are known and heard deeply, graciously, constantly. Confident in this grace, we sing together the words that Jesus taught us...

"The Lord's Prayer" (Sung) Vu 960

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God & Prayer of Dedication: Tracy

We bring our offerings for God's work among us in many ways:
cash and cheques mailed or dropped off; Pre-Authorized Remittance and our online donations. And we offer our time and work for God's work among us.

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

Prayer of Dedication: Tracy

Bless these gifts we offer: our treasures; our work; our love.

They express our hope for Light in the World.

Here are our hearts; here is our time; here are our passions; here are our lives.

Let our gifts and our lives proclaim Light to the World. Amen.

Hymn: "Three Things I Promise" MV 176

*Three things I promise, Holy God, in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.*

*Your love unfolded time and space, and life,
and all that life became, and so, with thankful heart
and voice, through good and ill, I bless your Name.*

*I follow, serve, and cling to Christ amid our culture's
tides and trends, for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.*

*Enlivened as the Spirit moves to cleanse, awaken,
and renew, I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.*

*If I should live when vigour fades, and family and
friends are gone, three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and work is done.*

*Revive and guide me, Living God, as day by day,
until my death, I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.*

Blessing and Sending Forth: Tim

Sung Response: "I Am the Light of the World" (chorus) VU 87 2 x

*I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.*

Postlude

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