

MEDITATION PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP:

Loving Lord of Life, we love you and give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus into the world. We pray now as we gather for worship that you reveal yourself anew to us as you did that day on the mountain of Transfiguration. We want to know you fully so that we can make you fully known to a hurting world that exists in the valleys around us. May our worship be true and may your presence be manifest. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers.
 Austin O'Malley (Author)
- *The world is my parish.*John Wesley (Theologian, Minister)
- All life ought to be worship; and we know quite well there is no chance it will be worship unless we have times when we have worship and nothing else.

- William Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come to the mount and see the power of God.

People: We see Jesus in the beauty and power of holiness.

Leader: He invites you not just to see but to be transformed, as well.

People: We are not worthy to approach the holiness of God.

Leader: None are worthy but Jesus invites us.

People: We come to be transformed into the glory God desires for us,

All: And then the transformation continues as we live our lives.

PRAISE SONG: Changed for Good (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

O God, on the mount, Peter, James and John saw Jesus in his glory. As we reflect on his holiness, we are humbly aware of our sinfulness. Forgive us for the many times we have failed to show forth the glory of Christ in our lives and have left others without the light of your presence. Transform us

so that our true nature as your children will shine on those around us for the glory of God. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: The glory of Christ is love. In love he invites you to leave your sins behind and to live in the fullness of his love and glory.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: Reach Out (music at end of bulletin)

THE READING:

Matthew 17:1-9

This is Matthew's record of Jesus' unusual transfiguration with three of his disciples as spectators. Two important figures from their history, Moses and Elijah, also appear. Worship booths were suggested for all three. A voice affirming Jesus as Son of God is heard. However, Jesus says to forget this unusual event until after His resurrection.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

MESSAGE: "There is Worship and Then There is Worship" Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: Send Down the Fire (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

- Leader: To you it has been made known what is the glory of Jesus. Let that glory shine through you in acts of loving service that the reign of God may come into the lives of those you meet this week. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: Light Dawns on a Weary World (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**



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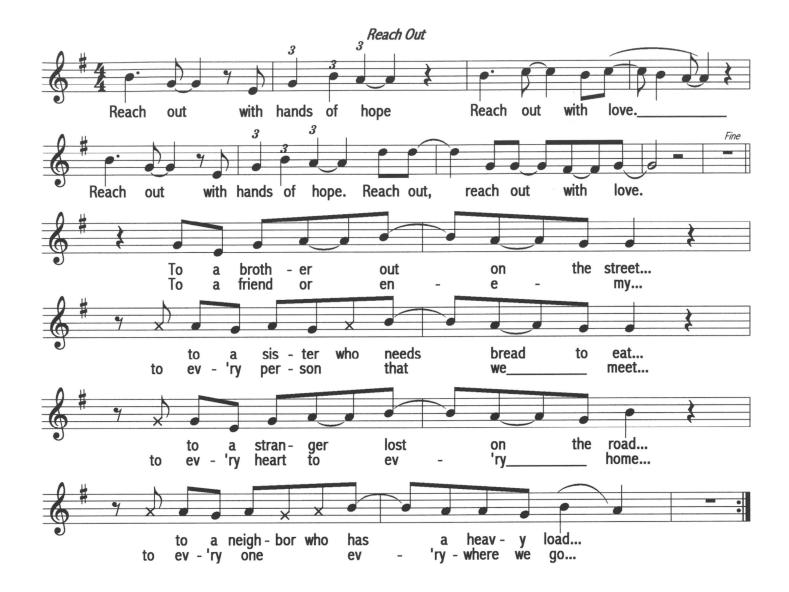
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