VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Transfiguration Sunday Feb. 11, 2024 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Dinah Helgeson

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

CANDLELIGHTING

Frankie Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John Michael Barich

Congregation stands as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: Hear these words of assurance:

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn (next page):

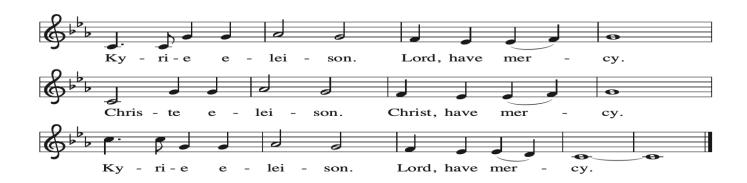
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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



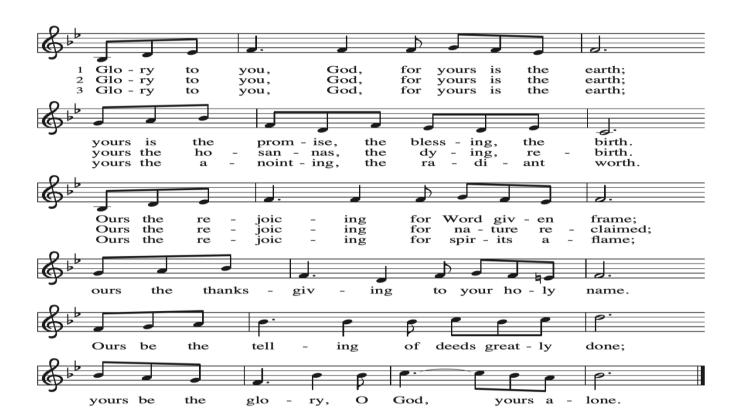
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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Song of Praise:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**Congregation sits

Lector: A reading from 2 Kings, Chapter 2.

L: Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;

*calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *God shines forth in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

*with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above *to witness the judgment of the people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,

*those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, *for it is God who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Marlee Koch, Lector

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 4.

L: The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For 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. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** *Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then 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."

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

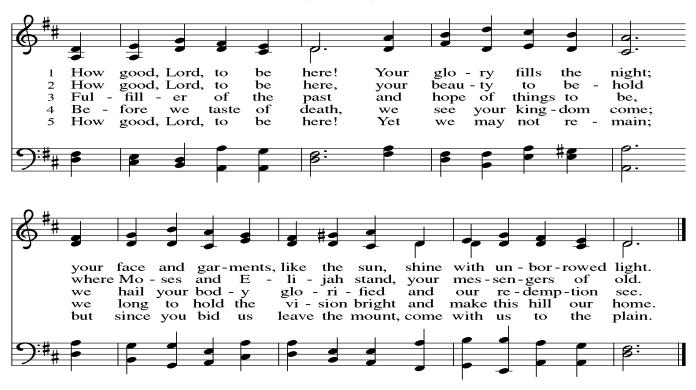
MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day:

ELW, #315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt. Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. <u>Please sit</u>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Nancy Lee Spears, Assisting Minister (A)

A: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #314



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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Congregation stands as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

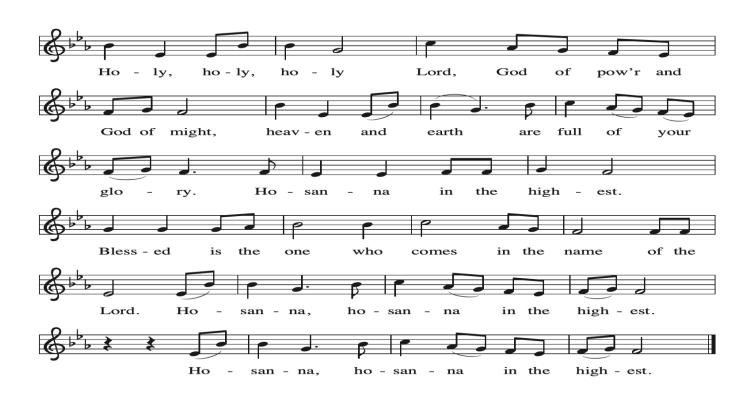
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

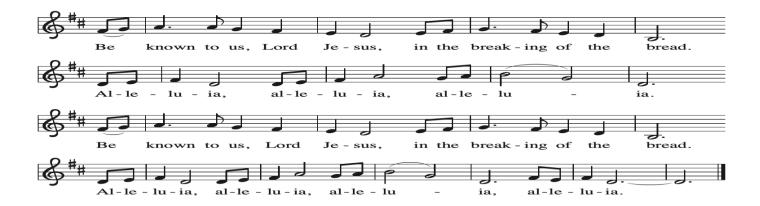
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

P: **Invitation to Communion**: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

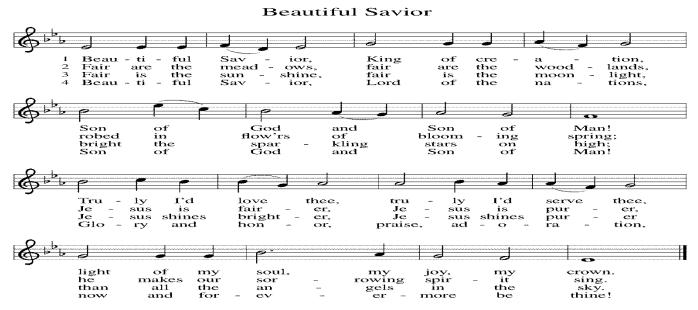
Communion Hymn #1(next page):

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Communion Hymn #2:

ELW, #838



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent. P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING:

Sending Song: ELW, #677



Text: African American spiritual Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – Nancy Lee Spears

Worship Assistants next week (2/18/24:
Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister – June Langland

Lector – Marlee Koch Lector – Nancy Lee Spears
Communion Assistant – Roger Gebhard Communion Assistant - TBA

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Dinah Helgeson Musician – Marita Ericksen

Cantor - Dr. Gary Koch Cantors - Marita Ericksen, Rev. J. M. Barich

Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

<u>VLC Annual Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, Feb. 18, after worship, in the fellowship hall.</u>
Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to elect council officers, approve the 2024 budget and to listen to committee reports. Refreshments will be served.

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: <u>pattewags@aol.com</u> to help.

<u>The Care Closet</u>, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. <u>Vashon Care Network</u> – 206-473-8715. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<u>VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP</u> - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, <u>kshafel@comcast.net</u>, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, <u>victoriansmith@comcast.net</u>, 206.304-4544.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st Food Bank Sunday

10:30 AM Worship 6:30 – 8:30 PM AA Group

Feb. 18, 2024, following worship VLC Annual Congregational Meeting

MONDAY

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group 4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM VCN Board Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Quilt Sewers Group
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 14, 11:00 AM

Ash Wednesday Service @ VLC

1st, 9:00 AM – noon

Lutheran Quilters Group

THURSDAY Feb. 8, 7:00 PM 6:30-7:30 PM 4th, 5:00 PM

VLC ZOOM Council Meeting VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM AA Group for Men

LENT – EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FEB. 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM @ VLC (Rev. J. M. Barich presiding, Fr. E. Clendenin

assisting)

FEB 21 – MAR 20, MID-WEEK 5:00 PM, WEDS. TAIZE 30-MINUTE SERVICE @ Vashon

Presbyterian Church

MAR 24 – PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and

preaching)

MAR 25, 26, 27- MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ Vashon Presbyterian Church W/ VLC & CHS

MAR 30 - VIGIL OF EASTER TBA

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS MAR 31 – EASTER BRUNCH 9:00 AM @ VLC

MAR 31 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30AM @ VLC



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Hymns for	Feb.	11,	2024
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ELW, 631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
ELW, 315	How Good, Lord, to Be Here!
ELW, 314	Arise, Your Light Has Come!
ACS, p. 40	Be Known to Us, Lord
ELW, 838	Beautiful Savior
ELW, 677	This Little Light of Mine