

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration Sunday
<https://youtu.be/c-0Bhv5yD5Q> - Worship Video

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to worship at Moville United Methodist Church.

As we worship, I hope you will feel the presence of God.

- We are now having in-person worship services in our Sanctuary at 10:15am on Sunday mornings.
- Please note that the church building does remain closed Monday – Friday to visitors. If you are in need of speaking to Holli our Administrative Secretary or myself please call the church office.
- We encourage you to continue to mail in your gifts and offerings to the church office or you may set up online giving by contacting Holli our administrative secretary. You will need to fill out a form and provide a voided check.

Gathering Words

Opening 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 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

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, 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

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, 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.

Call to Worship

God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence. We are comforted by your holiness and your glow; we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory. The mountain top reminds us why we worship you. We witness your bright power, and your plan for the nations of the earth. As we prepare for worship, God bring us to the mountain top; bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.

Pastoral Prayer

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 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song *Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Words of Preparation

Scripture – Mark 9:2-9 (The Message)

²⁻⁴ Six days later, three of them *did* see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus. ⁵⁻⁶ Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing. ⁷ Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him." ⁸ The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus. ⁹⁻¹⁰ Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you're free to talk." They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth "rising from the dead" meant.

Message "Mountain Tops" *Pastor Jill*

Closing Prayer

God of truth, a blessing you promised and a blessing you give. Through deserts and up mountains, we follow Jesus and there find you... and ourselves as we were meant to be. We long to hold on to that vision, O God. We try to set up tents and stay as long as we can, because it is there that we know we are truly home. But faith calls us, for it was in faith that Jesus Lived life and accepted death. His faith in you was born of love. His love was born of freedom. In Jesus, the bright cloud of your grace is forever upon us. may we be willing to leave the mountaintop experiences of life and walk the plains of every day. Amen.

Closing Song *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Blessing & Commission