

The central idea in Christianity is not justification,
but transfiguration.

— Nicolas Berdyaev



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



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J. S. Bach

David Sparks



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

OPENING SENTENCES Luke 9:28-36

ORGAN PRELUDE *From Heaven Came the Angel Host*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Leader: In the breathtaking mountaintop experiences,
Glorious God,

People: You transform us.

Leader: In the wonder-full experiences of everyday life,
Personal God,

People: You transform us.

Leader: Through the overcoming of adversity,
through quiet endurance, Patient God,

People: You transform us.

Leader: Through a willingness to take a stand,
through an unwillingness to let the powerful get their way,
Eternally Good God,

People: You transform us.

* OPENING HYMN #176 *Sing of God Made Manifest*



* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #469)

Jim Strathdee

“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.



OPENING PRAYER *seated in unison*

Celebrate God’s Presence

God of power and wonder,
we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.
We rejoice at what we can see;



We marvel at what we cannot see.

You dazzle us with your brightness;

You overshadow us, as with a great cloud.

Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,
you strengthen and transform us.

May we love and serve you in all that we are and do.

Glory be to you. Amen.

PRAYER OF JESUS (using “sins”)

We Listen for God’s Word

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

PSALM 99:1-5, 9 (Hymnal p. 751)

CHILDREN’S TIME “Sunburn or God Shining”

* HYMN (see insert) *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Children depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS (using “sins”) AND RESPONSE

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

HOMILY

“Incorporating Glory”

We Respond to God’s Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #47 (*note original rhythm*) Thomas Ken (1674)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

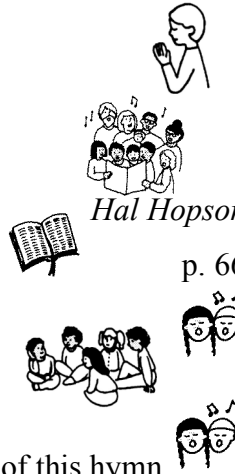
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

We Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

* HYMN #398 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*



Invitation, Prayer of Consecration, Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison* Gord Dunbar, *adapted*

Loving God, we thank you that you have united us in this sacrament. We go from this table renewed and blessed, knowing that you care for and love us. We go now with the assurance that you have set us free to live our life in the light of Christ. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #66 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* verses 1 & 4

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #431 *sung together while holding hands*

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
Here my tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by the Choir*

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Season of Light

All are Welcome!

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke
United Church of Christ

February 14, 2010

Holy Communion — Transfiguration Sunday

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke, N.H.
United Church of Christ

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CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun., Feb. 14 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship (Communion Sunday)
10:20am Sunday School
- Mon., Feb. 15 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
6pm Girl Scouts - PH
6:30pm Christian Ed. Committee
- Tues., Feb. 16 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
7pm Trustees
- Wed., Feb. 17 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
6pm BSA – PH
7-8:15pm Lenten Study – MR
- Thurs., Feb. 18 6pm “AA” Group – MR
6pm Cub Scouts – YR
6:30pm Deacons
- Sat., Feb. 20 6am – 3pm G. S. Cookie Delivery – PH
- Sun., Feb. 21 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Sunday School
- Mon., Feb. 22 6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
- Tues., Feb. 23 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
6pm Cub Scouts – YR
- Wed., Feb. 24 6pm BSA – PH
6pm Cub Scouts – YR
7-8:15pm Lenten Study – MR
- Thurs., Feb. 25 7pm Concert - *Circleslide* Concert

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is **today**. Donations may be left in the Parish Hall. Thank you for caring!

WORLD SERVICE ...

Our Family's Table, the local soup kitchen serves meals every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Contact Pat Hill 485-4740 if interested in volunteering.

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie 485-7295 (**February**) and Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**March**).

SCHEDULE OF USHERS ...

Feb. 21 Eric & Judy Pearson and Dave & Nancy Bibbins
28 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

A LENTEN SERIES, COMPANIONS IN CHRIST, will be held from 7-8:15 in the memorial Room beginning **Feb. 17 to March 24**. Please sign up at the Welcome Station or call the church office.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION MEETINGS will be held on February 21st and 28th at 11:30am – noon in the Memorial Room. Members will be received on March 7 during the regular worship service.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Jodi Ehler read the scriptures. Lynn Matava, Alan & Anna Gibbs and Dean Hopps served as ushers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Barbara Schumacher (friend of Doris Rowden's) – medical concerns
Karen Miller (Mary Louise Grandmaison's niece) – medical concerns
Duff Chickering – medical concerns
Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues
Letha's mother – treatable cancer
Lynda Putnam's father – recovering from a stroke
Russ Putnam's mother – medical concerns
Carissa Williams – various concerns
Military personnel overseas & their families

CONCERT ...

On Thursday, **February 25th** at **7pm** the Christian rock praise band **Circleslide** will perform in concert. Doors open at 6:30pm - **TICKETS REQUIRED**. The concert is free, but a **free will offering** will be taken to help the band with travel and meal expenses. A concession stand will be open for refreshments. Tickets will be available at noon on February 21st or by visiting the church office 12:30-4pm weekdays.

DEACONS FUND ...

Donations toward this fund are solicited today. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.