



Psalm **48** 14

For such  
is God,

*our God,*

for ever & ever;

He will guide us

*eternally.*

**February 11, 2024**

*Transfiguration Sunday*

– Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 –

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## Gathering and Praise

### Welcome and Announcements

### Centering Music

### Call to Worship

*One: Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.*

**Many: Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.**

*One: It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.*

**Many: We ask ourselves – Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?**

*One: Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.  
Your playing small does not serve the world.*

**Many: There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that  
other people won't feel insecure around you.**

*One: We are all meant to shine, as children do.*

**Many: We were born to make manifest**

*One: the glory of God that is within us.*

**Many: It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.**

*One: And as we let our own light shine,*

**Many: we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.**

*One: As we're liberated from our own fear,*

**Many: our presence automatically liberates others.**

### Opening Hymn

“The Gift of Love”

UMH 408

### Opening Prayer

**Many: Your love, O God,  
is an active love: engaged, involved, immersed.**

**Your love, O God,  
is seen in what you do, not just in what you say:  
in the blessing of children, in the meals with outcasts,  
in the touching of the untouchable,  
in your presence, and your self-giving,  
in your opening of the way to life to all who will come;**

**And your love, O God,  
is expressed through people like us:  
as we share our wealth in simplicity and generosity;  
as we share wholeness in care and healing of the sick and broken;  
as we share hospitality by being truly present to the lonely,  
the imprisoned and the marginalized;  
as we share peace in kindness, listening and acceptance  
with those who challenge us, confront us and threaten us.**

**As you have loved us in incarnate action, O God,  
may we learn to be little incarnations through whom your love  
is expressed and experienced in action. Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*Baby Bells*

### Creating Connections

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination		<i>Dan Miller</i>
Scripture Reading		<b>1 John 3:18-21</b>
Hymn of Preparation	“Lord, Speak to Me”	UMH 363
Sermon	“How Did I End Up Here?”	<i>Gail Johnson</i>

## Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith		UMH 882
Special Music		
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		

**Many: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Many: Gracious God,  
we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love  
through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.  
Show us how to share Christ’s love by giving our lives for one another;  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Closing Hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” FWS 2129

Benediction

Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —

Liturgy citations:

Call to Worship: Our Deepest Fear by Marianne Williamson

Opening Prayer: Written by John van de Laar, and posted on his excellent website, **Sacredise.com**.  
Found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/prayer-love-in-action.html>.

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