

PREWORSHIP MUSIC
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the sanctuary, our holy God calls us.

All: Along ordinary paths and in our daily work, God calls us.

Pastor: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise.

All: We give thanks for God's holiness, goodness, and love.

HYMN

We Praise Thee, O God

Hymnal, #19

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Peter, James, and John went up the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We too, are often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation in our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

PRAYER of CONFESSION¹

All: Ancient and Holy One, we confess that we have fallen into the same patterns as our ancestors. We have sought to worship an ideal instead of worshipping You. We have worried about practicing right religion instead of loving our neighbor as ourselves and practicing justice. We have put much weight on the words we say and less on how we live out Your teaching. Forgive us. Call us back to the teachings of the prophets. Call us back to the way of life in Jesus Christ. Call us back to love and forgive one another, to work for healing and restoration. Call us into Your way, Your truth, and Your life, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Our God is ancient and new. Our God is from the beginning and what is yet to be. While there is so much mystery that surrounds God, this is not a mystery: God loves you. There is so much we do not know, but we do know this: God loves us so much, that God sent Jesus to us, who laid down his life for us, calling us to do the same for one another. God loves us enough that he asks us to love one another, for by loving one another, we love God. Know this and live.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 12-15

Video

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 9:26-43a

SERMON STUDY

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**PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Practicing what we teach: the words and worship here in church are beautiful, but God cares just as much about what we *do* in every other hour of the week, and about what happens here at Starview United Church of Christ throughout the week. We are partners with God and with one another in this marvelous ministry, and the offering of time, talent, and financial resources are ways that we practice what we teach – healing, hospitality, generosity, and joy. Let of offer our gifts to God in gratitude and praise, in prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of the Wilderness, God of the Mountain, God of the Valley, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in your faithfulness to us throughout the age, celebrating the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will continue to provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing that through the ministries of this congregation, you will use them to spread your love in our community and the larger world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves to you – again. May we live with generous hearts, kind lips, open minds, and compassionate hands. Amen.

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal, #80

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now sure footed in faith,
with eyes wide open and waiting for God's glory
to surprise you in unexpected ways!
And the blessing of God -
Father, Son and Spirit
be with you
and those whose lives you touch
now and always,
Amen.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE