

Sunday, February 14th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: The light of God is shining...

All: Shining around and within.

One: The voice of God is calling...

All: Calling not just from ancient texts, but from here and now.

One: The love of God is with us...

All: Flowing around and within us.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 674** “Fight The Good Fight”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

O God, we come to worship you, not with empty words and hollow acts of piety, but with lonely, aching spirits. We long for the days of joy and gladness we have known with you.

Fold back the darkness that surrounds us. Show us your mercy. Cover us with your grace, and return our whole hearts to you this day, as we pray humbly in Jesus' name. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

Hymn **VU# 663** “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

Shine upon us with your grace, loving God, that we might see what frightens us and face what threatens us. Flow through us with your mercy, that we might sense your presence, even when we have run away.

May we know your love, even when we feel most unlovable. Abide in us with your love, for your love claims us and makes us whole. Amen.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Even in the darkest of times, the light of God is shining.

All: The light of Christ's love and mercy are shining now, brightening our lives with mercy and grace. Amen.

Anthem: Malachi Cush – *“Be Still, For The Presence Of The Lord”*

Sermon: Mountains, Valleys, And Life

Hymn **VU# 658** “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

The Offering

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 657** “He Leadeth Me”

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude: Shenandoah Music Camp – “Down In The River To Pray”