

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 2, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing the Peace

Chiming of the Hour *(please be seated)*

Prelude

Siyahamba arr. Thomas R. Vozzella
Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Just a taste of something wonderful,

People: Only a glimpse of something magnificent,

Leader: Just a glimmer of something holy in something so ordinary.

People: Yet, enough to know we are in the presence of God,

Leader: Enough to cause us to stop and stare in awe,

People: Enough to stir our hearts in wonder,

Leader: Enough to set our feet to dancing

People: And to prompt our voices to protest and praise.

*Opening Hymn #258

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

Centering Prayer

Majestic God, shine your light upon us with your love and mercy. Shine upon us, Lord, with the brightness of your grace. As we have gathered together to worship, reveal to us your purpose and truth. Reveal to us your ways so that we may fully and faithfully serve you as disciples and believers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter Reading

Psalm 99

Hymnal, Page 819

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

Response 1

People: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon

"Sneak Peak"

Rev. Bates

Sermon Text: Matthew 17:1-9 (NLT)

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

O God, how many times do we miss you? We long to see your face, to know that you are with us, and yet, we don't even recognize you. God, we confess our distraction, our self-absorption, our cynicism. You have not left us, you are not far off; we just need to open our eyes and see you, for you are everywhere and always right beside us. Thank you for this reminder today. Help us to stop and look around, to be still and listen. For only when we take the time to watch and hear, will we be able to know that we have encountered you.
(continue to pray in silence)

Offering & Offertory *Heaven Came Down* arr. David Crowder Band

*Doxology (#95)

The Great Thanksgiving (Musical Setting A, UMH pg. 17)

The Lord's Prayer (Kriewald)

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Lord, you have placed a call on each of our hearts. You call us not only to a particular vocation, but in all that we do, to follow you, serve others and worship you. Whatever we do, we do as one of your disciples. You have given us what we need to do our work, and you provided spiritual nourishment through your Word, and in this holy meal of bread and wine. This meal, as no other, fills us, renews us, convicts and sustains us in our quest to further your kingdom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn (insert) *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Christ Is the World's Light arr. D. Maurand

**For those who are able, please stand*