

Prelude**Welcome****Call to Worship**

One: The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts!

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ.

One: God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ.

One: The Lord loves justice and equity and is exalted over all people.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ.

Choir Anthem

“High Upon a Mountain”

Larson/Jordan

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

We Bless Each Other *Kids: God be with you as you stay. Adults: God be with you as you go.*

Sermon**Response to the Word**

“One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain”¹

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TUNE: #128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

1. One day Jesus climbed a mountain to a place of prayer and rest. Peter, James and John went with him to that lonely wilderness. In a moment so amazing, Jesus shone with brightness blazing, wrapped in glory, heaven-blessed.
2. Words could not contain the wonder of that most amazing sight. Jesus' face was bright with splendor and his clothes were dazzling white. There appeared two others with him; Moses and Elijah met him on that lonely mountain height.
3. Jesus talked there with the prophet and the bearer of the Law. When his three disciples saw it, they were filled with joy and awe. Peter told him, "Let us stay here. We can worship God and pray here." Then a cloud came over all.
4. From that cloud a voice was saying, "This is my beloved son." And the voice said, "Listen to him!" — to God's faithful chosen one. While their plans were filled with glory, Christ was living out the story of his prayer, "Thy will be done."
5. Jesus took them down the mountain to a world of pain and loss. For he knew what lay before him; he must journey to the cross. In his serving, in his healing, God was there, by grace revealing wondrous love comes at a cost.

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Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love— to tread the path that Jesus tread. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light.

-Quiet Reflection-

Assurance of Pardon

The grace of God shines forth through Christ Jesus who came into the world to set us free.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God.

Our Response to Grace #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Offering Invitation & Dedication *Gifts may also be given online at firstprescf.org*

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Specific congregational prayer concerns are listed in the weekly newsletter

Our Life Together

Sending Hymn #313

“Lord Make Us More Holy”

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Lord!