



Worship Service for March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour

Margaret Stone

Welcome

Scott Edmonds

Centering Moment

Mary Davis

Praise and Worship Song

Congregation

Sing! 109 "Part the Water"

Help us, O God we're here by the water.

Here at the end of the road.

Lead us, O God, on down through the river.

Help us to know how to go.

Show us a world that's free from oppression.

Free from the pain we all face.

Give us the strength to help make a future.

Warmed by the light of your grace.

Teach us the way to help all your children.
Each of us precious to you.
Teach us that love is stronger than hatred.
Nothing is stronger than love!

Announcements

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

Margaret Stone

LEADER: Let us come before the God of all creation with open hands and open hearts.

ALL: Let us praise and thank God with every fiber of our being.

LEADER: Together we give thanks for the precious gifts of life and love.

ALL: Though many throughout the whole earth, we are One.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

TNCH #573 "Lead on Eternal Sovereign" vs. 1 & 2

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice,
your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation,
your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict
your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness,
you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: God of life, we bring our whole selves to you and offer our reverence and awe. Jesus prayed that we would be one and called us to live in unity. We commit ourselves to live in oneness of heart, mind and spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Biblical Witness

Margaret Stone

Isaiah 61; 1 - 3

The spirit of God is upon me,
because God has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of God's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Contemporary Witness

Scott Edmonds

An excerpt from Martin Luther's King sermon delivered at
Ebenezer Baptist Church on June 5, 1966
"Guidelines for a Constructive Church"

"In the final analysis the church has a purpose. The church is
dealing with man's ultimate concern. And therefore it has
certain guidelines that it must follow."

Reflection

Scott Edmonds

"The Church of Tomorrow"

Special Music

Marshall Davies

Prelude in E Minor - Frederick Jacobi

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Edmonds

Invitation to Offering

Margaret Stone

Chicago, United, Eden Seminaries

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

***Doxology**

Congregation

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God for all that Love has done

Creator, Christ, and Spirit one

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Margaret Stone

ALL: Holy One, accept and bless our offerings this day. Grant that we might live generously, as we

**serve to be a blessing to our world. May we be
faithful in all things and at all times!**

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Break Our Hearts Again”

We pile up like dry bones,
like orphans gathering
In burden, we're broken,
our defenses fracturing

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again

Our mountains are crumbling,
like sand into the sea
Our rivers run drier than
the rocks beneath our feet

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again

We lay our armor down (x4)

Benediction

Scott Edmonds

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing #199 "Go Make A Difference"

Go make a diff'ence.
We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a diff'ence.
We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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