

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, February 11, 2024)

Share:

The Lord has gathered us today within the light of his glory.

Lord, reveal your purposes for us.

Let us open our hearts and minds to receive God's good news.

Lord, make us ready to worship and serve you.

But we do not know what to say or do.

Lord, we are afraid.

Then a cloud overshadows us, and a voice comes to us – “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

Lord, we will listen today!

Read these words from a hymn:

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Read this scripture from worship:

2 Corinthians 4:3-6, *The Message*

³⁻⁴ If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

⁵⁻⁶ Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, “Light up the darkness!” and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

Mark 9:2-9, *The Message*

²⁻⁴ Six days later, three of them *did* see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

⁵⁻⁶ Peter interrupted, “Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

⁷ Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him.”

⁸ The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

9-10 Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you’re free to talk.” They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth “rising from the dead” meant.

Talk together:

- What memories do you have of this past Christmas Eve?
- When have you experienced the “light of glory?”
- How do the disciples experience the “light of glory?”
- How is Jesus revealed to be God’s Son and what does that mean for us?
- What are the areas of your life where God is shining a light?
- Are there any areas where you need God’s light, or may not see God’s light?
- How does the Transfiguration story prepare us for the discipleship of Lent?

Pray together:

God of glory, I greet you at the dawning of a new day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting; to the glory of your name. Amen.

Resources Used:

Disciplines

The Message

Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion

Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal