

Traditional Worship

February 15, 2026
8:45 am



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Worship Notes

...making our worship more meaningful & understandable

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us on this Sunday morning.

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The synoptic gospels narrate this as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion. After the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week. As the Book of Common Prayer reminds us, we celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory "before the passion" so that we may "be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness."

Before we follow Christ toward the cross during the season of Lent, let's celebrate His glory as we worship Him in all His splendor! (adapted from United Methodist Discipleship Ministries)

Why do we baptize by sprinkling? Many are most familiar with baptism as a sign and seal of our dying and rising again with Christ (hence, many churches, including ours on occasion, will baptize by immersion in water). However, the New Testament offers other pictures of baptism as well.

Transfiguration Sunday

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness - arr. Diane Bish

Welcome

Call to Worship - from Psalm 145:1-4

Invocation

Introit - CCPC Cherub Choir

Clap Happy Psalm (based on Ps. 96) - American Folk Melody, arr. Ridenour

Walk Like Jesus - Hopkins

Gathering Hymn

#96 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Gloria Patri no. 733

We Respond to God's Presence

Anthem

Joyous Light of Glory - arr. Schalk

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Consecration

Doxology no. 34 - OLD 100TH

We Join in Christ's Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Charlotte Gaessler (Parents: Tommy & Katie)

Dempsey Sander (Parents: Ryan and Kelley)

Announcements

Student Testimony

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Speak, O Lord - Getty

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Jude 24-25 (page 1217 in pew Bible)

Series: Our Turn in the Arena

Message: Our Promise

Hebrews 9 is insightful here. This speaks of how Christ has culminated all of the Old Testament sacrificial rituals in Himself by His sacrifice. It speaks of the "ceremonial washings" (verse 10 literally says "baptisms") and how they point forward to how Christians are saved as Christ's blood is "sprinkled" on us for our cleansing.

The connection between blood-sprinkling and baptism is quite apparent in this passage, and it is therefore fitting that when we baptize a child, we do so by pouring water over their head. Baptism, in addition to depicting our dying and rising with Christ, is meant to be a sign and seal of our hearts having been washed by the sacrificial blood of the Lamb of God.

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

#66 To God Be the Glory

Benediction

Postlude

4th Variation from Variations De Concert - Joseph Bonnet

May We Pray With You? When we join together in prayer, there is a particular power available from God. If you would like prayer and/or prayer for healing, please come forward after the service to find a pastor or elder and we'd love to pray for you and/or anoint you with oil (per James 5).

Assisting in Worship Cherub Choir, Karen Suchomel, conductor; Lorraine Cooper, accompanist; Jenna Martinez, testimony; Sanctuary Choir; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

Giving In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or here: <https://cherrycreekpres.org/give>



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Rev. Josh Peck, Assistant Pastor
Evan Mazunik, Dir. of Worship & Liturgy
Bohee Paek, Organist
Rebecca Sarian, Contemporary Worship Leader

Prayer for the Week

As we celebrate Jesus' epiphany, shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Convergent Worship

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Fill This Place - Red Rocks Worship

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) - Tomlin

Great Are You, Lord - All Sons & Daughters

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He Will Hold Me Fast - Shane and Shane

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