



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

“Up On a High Mountain”

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor Richard Aylor

February 15, 2026

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

**Opening Chant

“The Lord is My Light and My Salvation”

“The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?”

Welcome

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**Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord, who seek God with their whole hearts.

**Opening Hymn “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” Purple Hymnal 193 (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter,
James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us
for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close
companions saw? Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like
ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear
disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word, “Listen, listen,
everyone: this is my beloved Son.”

We who have beheld your glory, risen and
ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter,
James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

** Please stand if you are able

****Invitation to Confession**

Carolyn Alexander

Leader: Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

****Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness****“We Are Forgiven”**

Purple Hymnal 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**** Please stand if you are able**

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: **Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Ministry of Music

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

¹⁷ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Sermon

“Up On a High Mountain”

****Response to Sermon**

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

Purple Hymnal 190

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice,
the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and
John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise downward
toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and
keep its truth, not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth, but by following
the Savior through the valley to the cross and by
testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest
light that shines, and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs, till we seek no
other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our
living and our dying and our rising by your will.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication****Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able

****Closing Hymn**

“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

Purple Hymnal 192

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the
midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the
World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now
bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

(Refrain)

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the
shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may
enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my
darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

(Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our
faces display your likeness; ever changing from
glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your
story. Shine on me; shine on me.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service.
To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you
during this time.*

Thank you to Cara Camping for being our accompanist this week.

**** Please stand if you are able**

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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