



Transfiguration Sunday

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A landscape photograph of a forested hillside at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues, transitioning into a cooler blue at the top. In the distance, a church steeple is visible against the horizon. The foreground is dominated by dark, silhouetted trees and foliage.

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Tomas Piętak, Organ



CHORAL INVOCATION

VCC CHOIR

Arise, Shine!

Cassandra McConnell-Grujcic , Choir Director

A scenic landscape at sunset. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with wispy clouds. In the foreground, there's a body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, with some small boats visible. The middle ground shows a range of mountains. On the right side, there's a building with a dark roof and some trees in front of it. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN – CH 64

We Sing the Mighty Power, O God!

1 We sing the mighty power of God
 that made the mountains rise,
 that spread the flowing seas abroad
 and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained
 the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
 and all the stars obey.

2 We sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread
or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees in the middle ground, and majestic snow-capped mountains in the background under a clear blue sky.

PASSING OF THE PEACE



SPECIAL PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

Read by Kitty McKinsey

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 2

Read by Pastor Bekah Davis

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.

Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



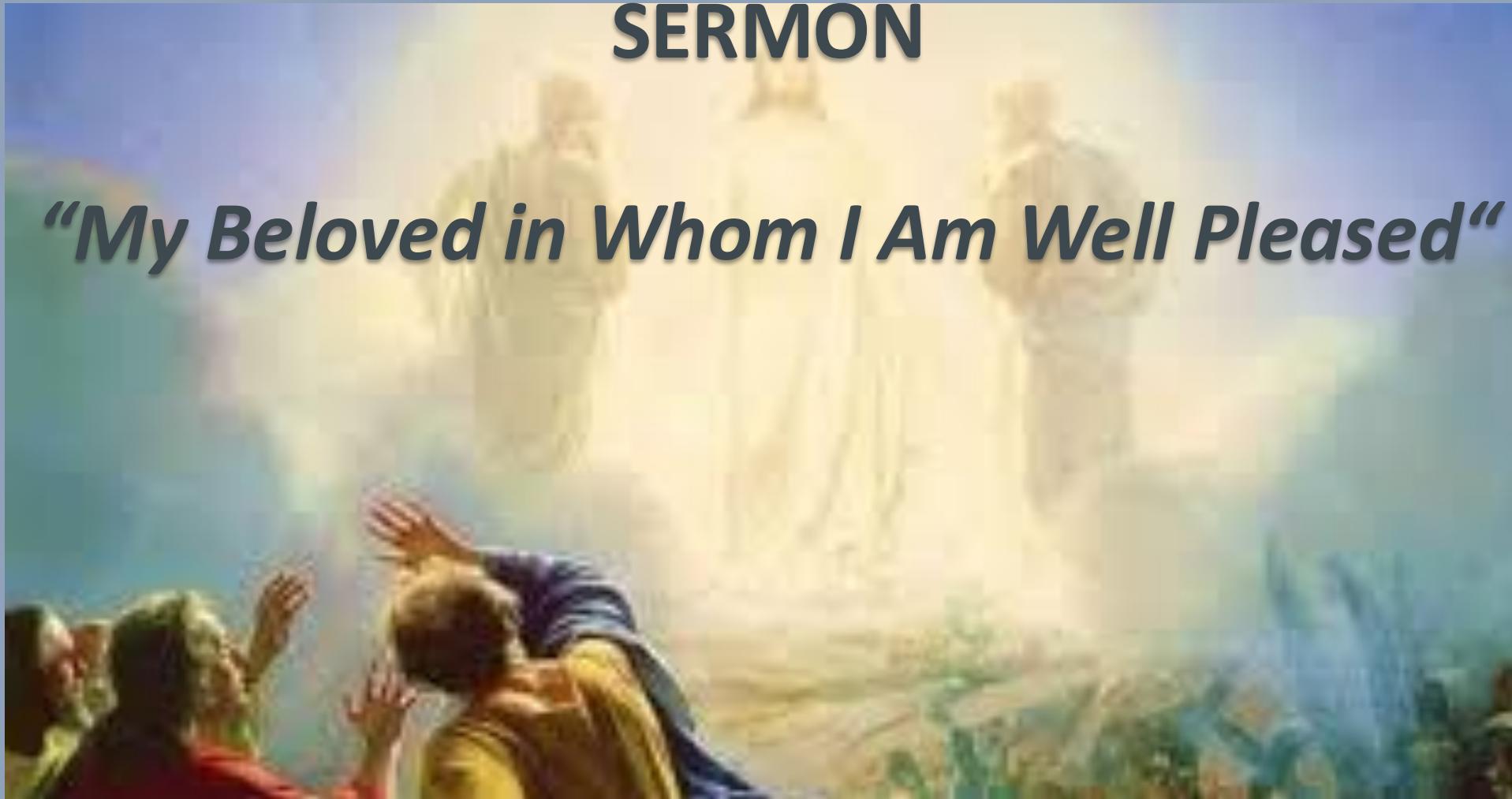
SPECIAL MUSIC VCC CHOIR

O Wondrous Sight, Oh Vision Fair!

Cassandra McConnell-Grujcic , Choir Director

SERMON

“My Beloved in Whom I Am Well Pleased”



RESPONSIVE HYMN- CH 636

Abide With Me

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, God, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

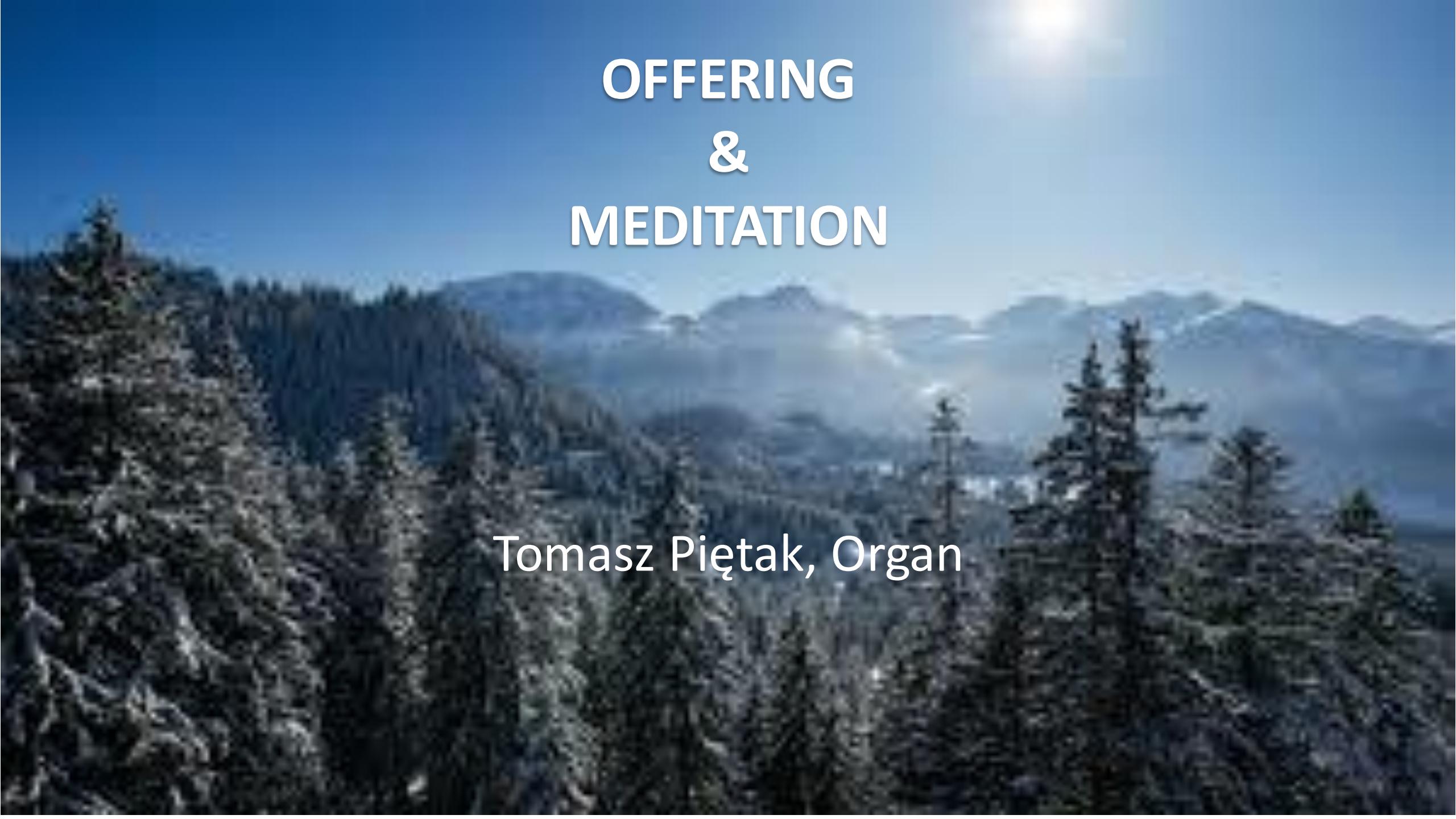
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
where is death's dark sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O God, abide with me.

A scenic landscape featuring a dense forest in the foreground, with a range of mountains in the background. The mountains are partially obscured by a layer of mist or low-hanging clouds, creating a sense of depth and tranquility. The sky above is a clear, pale blue.

OFFERING & MEDITATION

Tomasz Piętak, Organ

DOXOLOGY – CH 46

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!

A wide-angle photograph of a majestic mountain range. The peaks are covered in a thick layer of snow, with the highest peak on the left showing a bright yellow glow at its very top, likely from the setting or rising sun. Below the mountains, a town is nestled in a valley, with numerous houses and buildings visible, their lights glowing warmly against the cool blues and purples of the surrounding landscape. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A man wearing a cowboy hat and a dark vest over a light-colored shirt is playing a brass instrument, likely a tuba or a large trumpet. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with other people and structures, suggesting a public event or performance.

Meal

*An offering is gathered, and the table is set. Assembly song or other music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. The gifts may be brought forward. An offering prayer may be said; the assembly responds **Amen**.*

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CLOSING HYMN – CH 592

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks so fine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]

[Refrain:]

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

2 Jordan River chilly and cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. [Refrain]

[Refrain:]

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

3 I have heartache, I have woe,
I have trouble here below.
While God leads me I'll not fear,
I am sheltered by God's care. [Refrain]

[Refrain:]

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

BLESSING

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

A scenic view of Hallstatt, Austria, featuring a church with a tall, thin spire and colorful houses built into a hillside overlooking a lake. The background shows misty mountains under a blue sky.

POSTLUDE

Tomasz Piętak, Organ