

Shining a Light



St Aidan's Uniting Church
Transfiguration Sunday
27th February 2025

Call to Worship

God calls us into relationship,
meeting with us face to face,
if we will just recognise
the one who calls us "beloved."

We come at this time
to pause,
to build our relationship,
to get to know God more deeply.

**We come at this time
to worship God.**

Prayers

Creator God,
at the beginning of all
you loved this world into being
and called forth your people
to shine your love
on all the world,
being a beacon to the nations.

Sometimes, reflecting your love is difficult;
we find it challenging
or we only want to love
those whom we find acceptable:

**Shine your light
into the dark corners of our lives
and help us learn
to share that light with others.**

Sometimes we have amazing experiences
as we try to follow faithfully,
but then we want to stay in that space
rather than returning
to the life you would have us live:

**Call us again
down from the mountaintop
and remind us to walk
with those who need to know your love.**

Sometimes we think

that people are only acceptable
when they do things our way
and we fail to see you in the difference:

**Take the veil from our faces
so we can see your glory
in the faces of the people we meet.**

Forgive us when we fail
to walk in your ways,
to reflect your image
to others in our lives,
or to share your love
with those who need it most.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

You are made in the image of God
and called to bear that image to the world:
know that you are loved as you are
and you are forgiven:

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Shine your light on our world,
O God,
in the dark places
that look for love;
look for support;
look for a fresh start.

Some places
the darkness is imposed by others:
where people struggle to survive
though war,
abuse,
oppression,
persecution,
or violence.

Some places
the darkness is from natural disaster,
incomprehensible randomness

that we want to have a reason
or give something blame.

Some places
hold people
who deliberately create darkness –
and as hard as it is,
we pray for them too.

Shine your light on our world,
O God,
in the dark places
that look for love;
look for support;
look for a fresh start.
Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

Go out from here
to reflect the shining light
of the face of God
wherever you go
and with whomsoever you meet.

Go out from here
to encounter the shining light
of the face of God
wherever you go
and in whomsoever you meet.

And as you go
may you always know
the love of God,
companionship of Christ
and the leading of the Holy Spirit.