



Jesus ... led them up
a high mountain ...
And he was transfigured
before them.

MARK 9:2, ESV

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 27, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. In His name we pray, Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him
Campanile Ensemble

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White

One: O Christ, your glory fills the skies! You are the true, the only light!

ALL: *Arise, Sun of Righteousness! Arise in the darkness of our lives, that your glory, your power, might shine within us!*

One: Awaken us, we pray! Overcome our brokenness! Fill our barren wilderness with your waters of eternal life!

ALL: *Triumph over the shades of night which enfold us! Impress upon our hearts the glory of your presence!*

One: Deepen our awareness of you, and transform us by your claim upon our lives, and your call to ministry.

ALL: *Dayspring from on high be near! Daystar in our hearts appear!*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 729 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Gracious God, when Jesus came to the mountaintop that day, your glory and love shone through him and in him and about him in a most glorious way. Just as your presence was revealed in Him, so you call us to reveal evidence of your Kingdom. Yet all too often, we conceal rather than reveal. If we conceal your love because our priorities prevent us from seeing and serving people in need:

ALL: *forgive us, Lord.*

One: If we conceal your glory because our reflection is grounded in self-centeredness:

ALL: *forgive us, Lord.*

One: If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness:

ALL: *forgive us, Lord.*

One: If we conceal your justice by ignoring the weak:

ALL: *forgive us, Lord.*

One: If we conceal your mercy because of our unforgiving attitudes:

ALL: *forgive us, Lord.*

One: If we conceal your compassion because of our fear:
ALL: *forgive us, Lord. Cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”* (1 John 2:1-2)

ALL: *When we truly confess our sins, we receive forgiveness through Christ, who is our Advocate and Redeemer! Alleluia! Amen!*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation (verse 2)

NETTLETON

*All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring;
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing;
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
Many: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

*HYMN: 379 *We Shall Overcome*

WE SHALL OVERCOME

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

CALL TO PRAYER

God Himself is with Us
Campanile Ensemble

arr. Van Valey/Berry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

ACT OF PRAISE

I'm Gonna Sing
Campanile Ensemble

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55: 6-9
(pg. 685-686)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9: 2-9

Rev. John White

(pg. 44)

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

Many: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Listening for God

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

Offertory on "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Burtonwood

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 623** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

SENDING

***CHARGE + BENEDECTION**

Rev. John White

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude, and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Hudson

Dr. Terry McRoberts