TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

... his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2, ESV

# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 19, 2023

### 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION MOMENT

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRELUDE Prelude and Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH

Lovelace

Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High Quest Kids Rick Founds

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. John White

One: Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light,

so that the darkness may not overtake you."

ALL: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

One: "If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."

ALL: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us and God's glory will appear over us.

One: "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

ALL: Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 191 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding BREWER

### PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Gracious God, You have called us out of darkness and into the light of Your love. You have redeemed us and made us whole, in order to set us free from bondage. The challenge You place before us is to die to self, surrender our wills, and serve sacrificially. But we cling to our sinful humanity and to the trappings of this temporal life. Forgive us for being stubborn, selfish, and sinful. Set us free to embrace the values of Your Kingdom, transform our hearts to long for You, and empower us to live courageously as Your children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8:34)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And, also, with you.

THE WORD

ANTHEM When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Chilcott

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

\*HYMN: 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Jeff Chambers

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 24:15-18 (pg. 70)

Elder Jeff Chambers

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 9)* 

Rev. John White

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Go Toward the Light Rev. John White

# RESPONSE

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

Elder Jeff Chambers

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

ALL: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

(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 OFFERTORY Elder Jeff Chambers
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Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Elder Jeff Chambers

### SENDING

\*HYMN: 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of Light

HOUSTON

\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Be with You Chancel Choir Sleeth

**POSTLUDE** 

Chorale Improvisation on UNSER HERRSCHER

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Dr. Terry McRoberts