

"Listen to him!"

MARK 9:7

TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | *February 11, 2024*

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Prelude on DUKE STREET

Jordan

Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT

We Have Come to Worship the Lord

Yannerella

Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White

One: God, you bring us together in this place,

ALL: *we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.*

One: God, you challenge us in this place,

ALL: *we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.*

One: God, you are revealed in this place,

ALL: *sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.*

One: God as we worship in this place,

ALL: *refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your glory.*

One: We make this prayer in Jesus' name,

ALL: *as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen*

* HYMN OF PRAISE: 628 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

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PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

The presence of God surrounds us, and yet too often we go about our daily lives oblivious to the power of Holy Spirit moving in our midst. Let us together confess the ways in which we are blind to God's ever-present care.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Merciful God,

ALL: *we confess to you and to one another the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us.*

One: We make ourselves busy with many things,

ALL: *and neglect to listen to your voice.*

One: All too often we see the worst in the world around us,
ALL: *and look past your signs of hope.*
 One: We are quick to voice our dissent with one another,
ALL: *and refuse to see your face in the persons with whom we disagree.*
 One: We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments,
ALL: *and close our hearts to your transforming grace.*
 One: O Holy Light of the world, forgive us.
ALL: *Open our eyes to your endless possibilities. Give us courage to listen for your call to us. Take our hearts of stone and make them new again with your holy love. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Receive the good news! Jesus says to you:
 “Your sins are forgiven.” Permit God’s mercy to transfigure your lives.
 Be no longer ruled by doubt and worry but by light and love. Walk as children
 of the light whose ultimate glory is assured! The light of Christ Jesus be with
 you always.
ALL: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, a-men.

GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

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

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Halle, Halle, Halle
 Chancel Choir

Hopson

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anna Poole

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. John White

*HYMN: 468 *In My Life*

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

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 (pg. 44)**Rev. John White*

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

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON*The Silent Evangelist**Rev. John White***RESPONSE*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23)**Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

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!*

OFFERING*Rev. Courtney Bowen***OFFERTORY***Air**Thiman*

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

*Rev. Courtney Bowen***SENDING**

***HYMN: 192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONRev. John White***CHORAL BENEDICTION***Alleluia!*

Patterson

Chancel Choir

(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*Chorale Prelude on IN DIR IST FREUDE*

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Dr. Terry McRoberts