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Service for the Lord's Day

February 11, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE

"There Is a Redeemer"

Melody Green

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

Glorious God, thank you for the invitation to immerse ourselves in the stories of our faith. Today we watch with Peter, James, and John as you shine before us. We see your garments glisten intensely. We are just as frightened and confused as the disciples were, not because we do not believe, but because we trust what is to come. We give you thanks for the reminder that in Jesus we are not alone, a truth that never changes. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus was surrounded by the prophets of the past and disciples to follow him into the future. Help us to recognize the great cloud of witnesses that went before us, to answer the call to be your disciples here and now, and to listen for the new prophets among us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

INTROIT

"Give Me Jesus"

Jeremy Camp

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

It is God who gathers us here. It is not our denomination that gathers us, or our church staff or family, or our political parties.

People

It is God who gathers us here.

Leader:

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day,

People

witnessing a last flash of glory before a forty-day journey.

Leader:

It is not about us;

People

it is all about Jesus Christ.

Leader:

From Ash Wednesday toward Easter,

All:

it is all about Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION

"God Is Here"

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+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy is it to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with doing so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil. There is freedom and quiet even amid our busyness. We are released from our slavery to things, and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives.

+GLORIA PATRI ***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. Amen, Amen.***

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Jack N. White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

Leader: Our God will come and will not keep silence; before God there is a consuming flame, and round about a raging storm.

People: God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of the chosen people.

Leader: "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

All: Let the heavens declare the rightness of God's cause; for it is God who is judge.

THE OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 2:1-12
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "May the Light of Truth Shine! " Rev. Clint Schofield

Responding to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Scots Confession, Chapter one The Book of Confessions
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
**Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" French melody

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

CONFIRMATION CLASS Macy Ferguson, Kaylee Mullens, Shea O'Reilly

+HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" vs.1-2 insert

+COMMISSIONING

Leader: It has been good for us to be together.
Now we scatter to share good news.
**People: God has visited earth in human form.
In Jesus Christ, the beloved of God, humanity is blessed.**
Leader: Light from the gospel has been revealed to us.
We are becoming lights to the world.
**People: It is an awesome responsibility to reflect God's glory.
Ours is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love.**
Leader: God will not leave us or forsake us.
God's presence is constant and dependable.
**All: We depart with confidence and joy.
We will carry the knowledge of Christ in our hearts.**

BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Shine, Jesus, Shine" vs.3 insert

POSTLUDE "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Kathleen Thomerson

+Please stand, if you are able



*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*