

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt: *The Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

INTROIT: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (*See Insert to follow along*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 50)

Leader: God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Leader: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may bring justice to God's people.

All: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

The heavens declare God's right and just relations for all of the people of the earth.

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*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: 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.

*OPENING HYMN: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (*See Insert*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: At the transfiguration, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the brokenness of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion and justice will not be conquered. With faith in God's love for us, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, even when we see your love and justice transfigured before us, we cower in our fear of what it would mean to follow your way in the world. We wonder what it might cost us to be disciples of Jesus. Help us to listen to Jesus. Empower us to be formed by his life. Restore in us the confidence to be Jesus' disciples. Amen

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples at the transfiguration, and just as they heard a voice say that Jesus is God's beloved, so too are we God's beloved people. Know that you are forgiven and restored to right standing beloved children of God. **All: We believe this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.

(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

YOUTH MESSAGE: "All You Need is GOD's Love!"

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*SONG OF PRAISE: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (*See Insert*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of transfiguring light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 50:1-6

New Testament: Mark 9:2-9

Response to the reading of God's Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Can You Make Change?"

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*HYMN: "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" (*See Insert*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Brief Statement of Faith Section 2

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING / DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)" (*See Insert*)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: **Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Mozart's Sonata in F: 3rd Movement

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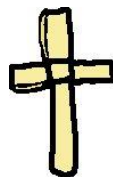
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Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Here we touch thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve with faith anew.

OPENING HYMN: SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

(Refrain) Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
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I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home *(Refrain)*

If you get there before I do
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SONG OF PRAISE: SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you
and, so favored, never leave you.

2ND HYMN: O WONDROUS SIGHT, O VISION FAIR

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,
how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3 The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
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the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

CLOSING HYMN: LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING
(Shine, Jesus, Shine)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

(Refrain): Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me **(Refrain)**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
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