



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD THE CHURCH GATHERS

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In recognition of Black History Month, last week we had a bulletin insert highlighting several African American leaders in Presbyterian Church History. In the worship service today, all music comes from the Afro-American spiritual (also called the Negro spiritual) genre. This historic group of uniquely American songs was created by African slaves. The term “spiritual” is derived from “spiritual song” in the King James translation of Ephesians 5:19, saying, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

ORGAN PRELUDE

Bye and Bye

arr. by Smith

INTROIT

My Lord, What a Morning

African Spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brad Issacs

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!*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

****HYMN OF PRAISE: 729** *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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: (Hymn: 834)

PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,
 lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NaCoMe Samantha Moore, Director of Operations

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
 Doug Jones, Bass; Chancel Choir

arr. Raney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. John H. White

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(After the Time With Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children’s Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

*HYMN: 358 Steal Away

STEAL AWAY

#Latecomers may be seated

**Congregation standing, if able*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brad Isaacs

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29-35 (page 81)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:2-9 (page 44)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“Future Knowledge”

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***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!*

(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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Chancel Choir Interns

arr. Hogan

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

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

Brad Isaacs

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 623**

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH:**

My Lord, What a Morning
Chancel Choir

African Spiritual

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. by Dozier

ACOLYTES: *Abby Varino & Lily Byrd*