

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday)

10:15 AM

February 26, 2017

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Eithun

“To God Be the Glory”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Come up to the mountain of God’s presence.

People: May we be witnesses to God’s majesty and have a sense of God’s presence.

Leader: Look up and do not be afraid.

People: Happy are those whose refuge is God.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord.

Choral Beginning by Baird

“Come Into His Presence”

*We Sing Together Hymnbook No. 489

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

We Confess Together

God of dazzling splendor, we confess that there are times we have lived in a cloud, and pretended not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us to new life in all its fullness.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God wants to forgive us, but there is no cheap grace for those of us unwilling to change.

People: To all who seek to give up jealousy, insults, anger, quarreling, and self-centered pride, God offers a new life.

Leader: God draws us into the community of forgiven and forgiving sinners, in which we support and help one another.

*Response Verses 1, 4 Hymnbook No. 347
“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray, But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease. Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace and Children’s Story (congregation seated)

*Song of Praise Hymnbook No. 73

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 81)

Exodus 34: 29-35

New Testament Lesson (page 18)

Matthew 17: 1-9

Reflection

“It’s a Conspiracy”

Musical Offering

arranged by Eithun

“Gentle Praises”

O For a Thousand Tongues ♦ O Worship the King ♦ Immortal, Invisible

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and 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, for ever. Amen.

Offertory

arranged by Raney

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(Verses 1-4)

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

by Besig

“Go in Love”

*Musical Postlude

by Thygerson

“Praise the Lord!”

*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include: Natalie B. Kupas (worship leader), Senior Bells (prelude, musical offering), Amanda Leicht (children’s story), Senior Choir (choral beginning and benediction), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection). Reflection for next week: “Mixing Ingredients”