

Service of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

Choral Beginning

by Leech

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

We gather here in Jesus’ name;

his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;

for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.

Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

The Light of God Enters

*Call to Worship

Leader: Something drew us together this morning.

People: Something we can’t name but which we experience in worship.

Leader: Some holy mystery we call God.

People: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.

Leader: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

People: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to be God’s love in the world.

*Hymn

Hymnal No. 406

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

(sung twice)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God’s love and forgiveness. Live in God’s freedom and hope.

People: We believe! Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn

Hymnal No. 191

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 81)

Exodus 34:29-35

New Testament Lesson (page 69)

Luke 9:28-36

Reflection

“Stop and Listen!”

Musical Offering

by Myrin & Redman, arranged by Larson

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning, it’s time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul...

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord O my soul...I’ll worship Your holy name.

-- Responding to the Word --

Nicene Creed Hymnal Pg. 34

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debtors/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offertory

*Hymn Hymnal No. 508

“Come to the Table”

*Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking of Bread Communion of the People

*(Please hold the bread so that we may partake together;
drink of the cup as it is served to you.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for the gifts you give us: for the bread of our being loved, for the wine of our joy, for our life together. And now having been refreshed at this table, may we be bread and wine for each other and for your world. May the light of your love shine through us. Amen.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude

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Participants in today's service: Eli Zakarian (worship leader), Senior Choir (choral beginning & benediction, musical offering), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Robin & Sandra Auker (Junior Deacons), Shelley Nemeth & Cindy Stamey (Deacons), Mary Ellen Doll, Amanda Leicht, Steve Lewis, Stephanie Smith Cooney, and Maribeth Vernon (Communion Elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Next week's reflection: Horn Lake Choir



*“The Transfiguration of Christ”
by Earl Mott (b. 1949), Texas*

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