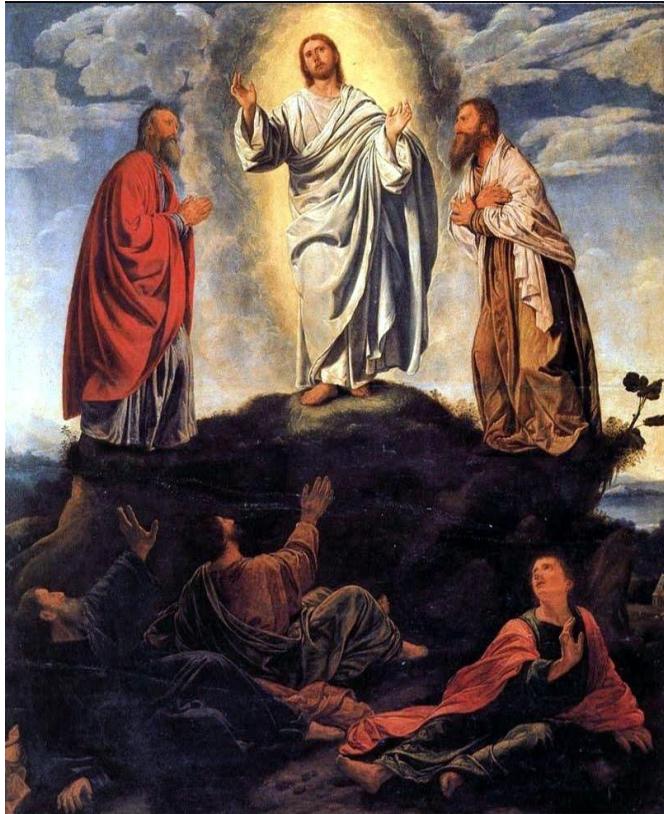


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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

10:30 A.M.

United to do God's work with Passion for Christ and Compassion for all.

GATHERING: *“Day by Day”* by Oscar Ahnfelt, arr. Mark Hayes
“Wayfaring Stranger” traditional American spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE (Thought as worship begins) Candles on the Communion Table represent the “uncreated light” of Christ. Christ’s light always has been and always will be. Two candles symbolize Christ’s light coming into the world in the form of both human and divine nature. Christ was fully God and fully human; thus he knows about our life from our perspective, and as God, Christ can meet our needs.

“Because of This, I Am at Peace” by Tracey Craig McKibben

THE INTROIT -- CHANCEL CHOIR *“Morning Has Broken”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 2: 2,4, 10-11& 12B**

Leader: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

All: Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE #263** *“Immoral Invisible, God Only Wise”*

***THE OPENING PRAYER**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you are constantly inviting us to hear your word and change our ways. Change is difficult for us. We get comfortable in doing things the way we like them done. We are comfortable in our habits and are less and less willing to grow in our awareness of the world around us and our need to change. Forgive us for being so set in our ways, we can't see you at work, or hear your voice. Make us uncomfortable enough to consider the ways you want us to change, and then reassure us that you are there to help us become the Christ followers you have in mind. We offer this prayer in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE II Peter 2:16-19** For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

***THE GLORIA #579** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

(Insert) Congregation sings *"Open Our Eyes Lord"* Sing the Faith

THE CHILDREN'S TIME: *"Some Background Information"*

THE INTROIT -- CHANCEL CHOIR *"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"*

THE READING GOD'S WORD: Matthew 17:1-13 (pg. 24)...Thanks be to God

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY PRESENTING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO DEDICATION:

THE OFFERTORY *"Almost Persuaded"* by Philip P. Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

***#592** *"The Doxology"* *"Responding in Praise"*

***THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

*The gift of life you give us freely every day, O God, and we give you thanks. We bring tithes and offerings to support the work of your Kingdom. We understand there are staff salaries, building needs, utilities, and snow removal needed to keep the business of this part of your church in operation. We have given special offerings of food for the Olivet Cupboard and school supplies for the Cleveland School to help meet physical needs in our community. Yet beyond those things, we want to give knowing that the Good News of Jesus Christ is being shared from this place. The church is unlike any other source of philanthropy. We are privileged to share the BEST news. Help us be the place where your word is studied and valued, where the message of your forgiveness is freely shared, and where lives can be connected to your kingdom. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE INVITED TO BRING OUR PETITIONS TO GOD

THE PRAYER HYMN: #73 *"Because of This, I Am at Peace"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

The Time of Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together:

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY LISTENING

The Message: "Abundance of Direction"

AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WE ARE CALLED OUT TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM

***(Insert) THE CLOSING HYMN** (The Worshiping Church) 721. *"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"* (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

THE CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Children’s Song Medley” by Mark Hayes

“The Light of the World Is Jesus” by Philip P. Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

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**Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*