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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**February 11, 2018**

**Last Sunday after Epiphany/The Transfiguration of the Lord**

## **The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

### **Prelude**

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir  
Kathe Walker, flute

Let All Things Now Living

Tune: Ash Grove  
Traditional Welch Melody  
Arr. by Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

**Processional Hymn 142** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Coronation

### **Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that, being strengthened by his grace, we may changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

### **Confession of Sin**

Unison

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory.**

**But we turn away, distracted by our own plans.**

**We confess that we speak when we should listen,**

**and act in haste rather than wait for your Word.**

**Forgive our unwillingness to follow Jesus**

**to the mountaintop of prayer or the valley of service.**

**Grant us wisdom to live in your light, radiant from the face of our Lord. ...**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 69** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Wie Schon Leuchtet

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

**Welcome and Announcements**

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

**Time with Young Christians**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

2 Kings 2:1-12

**Psalms 50:1-6**

Unison

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks

and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,

before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth,

that he may judge his people.

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

**Epistle**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**Anthem** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Tune: Ratisbon

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou the true, the only Light,

Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night.

Day-spring from on high be near; Day-star in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;

Joyless is the day’s return till Thy mercy’s beams I see,

Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Fill me, Radiance Divine, scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

(--Charles Wesley, 1740; Tune from Leipzig, 1815, setting by Healey Willan, 1950)

**Gospel**

Mark 9:2-9

**Sermon**

The Light that Foreshadows

Mike Krech

“As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” Mark 9:9

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 150**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

**Apostles’ Creed**

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

**Gloria Patri 579**

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

**Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

Wondrous Love

arr. Cathy DeRousse

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders’ Hymn

After the three stanzas in the hymnal, we also sing:

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.**

**Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.**

**Postlude**

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Christoph. Bach (1642-1703)

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today we conclude the Sundays after Epiphany with the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This is an appropriate final lesson for the season of light. As we began with the light of a star guiding the wise men to Jesus’ cradle, today that light is shining in the face of Jesus on the mountaintop. Peter, James, and John are granted this vision of the glorified Christ, which is intended to encourage their faith as the shadows arise when Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and takes up the cross. The Transfiguration can help sustain our faith during the coming season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.