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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 3, 2019

The Last Sunday after Epiphany – The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Preludio su “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” Pietro Cattaneo

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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.**)

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 aimless enthusiasms and 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

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

Unison

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble.

He sits enthroned among the cherubim; let the earth quake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he.

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

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.

Dayspring 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 sun and grief;

Fill me, Radiancy Divine, scatter all my unbelief.

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

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

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

Lifting the Veil

Mike Krech

“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

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

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

J. Christoph Bach

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

A Song for the King of Kings

Hugh S. Livingstone, Jr.

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, John, and James, 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, March 6, 2019.