

### CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 23, 2020

The Last Sunday after Epiphany – The Transfiguration of the Lord

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude

Prelude in G

J.S. Bach

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.**)

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 be 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, 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 264 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg

**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 24:12-18

### 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.

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 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 Peter 1:16-21

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

## Sermon

The Need for Transcendence

Mike Krech

“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, ... .”

Matthew 17:2a

The congregation stands to sing

## Hymn 328

All Praise to God for Song God Gives Morning Song

## 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Dale Wood, 1964

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.

Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today.

With thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,

and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,

one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

(-- Latin text, 7<sup>th</sup> century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851)

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

Lead On, O King Eternal/The Lord Is My Light arr. A.L. Page