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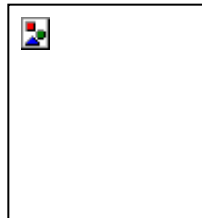
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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 27, 2022

The Last Sunday after Epiphany – The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending Helmsley
arr. Stephen Burtonwood

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies 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 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing Madrid

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99 Unison

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble.

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

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

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord.

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 the Lord.

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,

Samuel among those who called on God's name.

They cried to the Lord, who answered them.

God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept the decrees and the statutes God 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 the holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 75 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair Deo Gracias

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Anthem The Battle Hymn of the Republic Julia Ward Howe, 1861
Sung by April Milam

Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

Sermon Till We Have Faces 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 462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Ratisbon

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 Holy Ground Geron Davis

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

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

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude Agincourt Hymn John Dunstable, arr, E. Power Biggs

with At the Name of Jesus (King's Weston), Ralph Vaughan Williams

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. Epiphany began with the light of a star,

guiding the magi 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 encourages their faith

as 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 2, 2022.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song, To every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise And fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN;

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt. Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843;

Tune: MADRID; Spanish folk melody;

arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; Harm. David Evans, 1927

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

O wondrous sight, O vision fair Of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!

From age to age the tale declare, How with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elijah meet, The Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, Two chosen witnesses of grace;
The Father's voice from out the cloud Proclaims His only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Latin, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861;

Tune: DEO GRACIAS; "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ 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, Cheer 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.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740;

Tune: RATISBON; Freylinghausen's *Gesangbuch*, 1704;

Rev. in Werner's *Choralebuch*, 1815; As in *Old Church Psalmody*, 1847

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

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

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

Text: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; Trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850; alt.

Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN; Silesian folk melody, in *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842