

Service of Worship
Transfiguration Sunday

February 7, 2016

10:30 AM

Thomas Merton, 20th century

"We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time."

Irenaeus, 2nd century

"The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God."

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Worship Notes

The last Sunday before Ash Wednesday is traditionally designated for celebrating the transfiguration of Jesus. At the transfiguration the great glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ was made clear to Peter, James, and John. In this glory we see a fuller representation of Jesus' identity, and we glimpse the glory he would receive at the completion of his redemptive work. The timing of this observance is important. Just as the transfiguration prepared Jesus for his passion and death, so our observance of his transfiguration prepares us for our Lenten journey in which we concentrate on his sufferings.

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*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Rejoice The Lord Is King* Callahan

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus invited Peter and James and John to follow Him.

All: Like them, oh God, we have heard you call us to follow you.

One: Jesus led them up a high mountain.

All: In our hearts we are climbing that high mountain with you.

One: Jesus led them up a high mountain, apart, by themselves.

All: We are here, oh God, apart from the rest of the world, by ourselves, but with you.

One: Let this time of worship bring honor and glory to you. Amen.

***HYMN** (vss. 1-3) *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*
(see last page)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*let us pray together . . .*)
God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. Yet too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are deaf to your call. We are distracted by our own desires and ambitions. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should wait.

Forgive us from turning away from your glory and give us wisdom to live in your light and follow in the way of your beloved Son. Amen.

***WORDS OF GOD’S ENDURING LOVE**

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God’s love and live in God’s freedom.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *We Are Forgiven*

The musical notation is for the song 'We Are Forgiven' in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords written below. The lyrics are: 'We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.'

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GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	Exodus 34:29-35	OT pg. 81
The Gospel	Luke 9:28-36	NT pg. 69

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(*Children through second grade may go to the nursery.*)

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I’m goin’ let it shine.
 This little light of mine, I’m goin’ let it shine.
 This little light of mine, I’m goin’ let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

2. Everywhere I go . . .
3. Won’t let anyone (blow) it out . . .
4. All through the night . . .

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Anthem

I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

*Musical Response

For the Life You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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*Prayer of Dedication (*let us pray together . . .*)

Transforming God, you have changed our lives and called us to come from the mountain into the streets with Jesus. We make this offering to serve Christ's mission of bringing the good news of your enduring love and forgiveness. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: The God of mountaintops be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We thank you, for those who have walked before us in the path of faith, for those who have touched our lives with your love. We thank you for your Spirit which guides us, refreshes us, and renews us for the journey, calling us to be a light for the world.

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover, the festival of remembrance. Jesus took bread and the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take and eat. Take and drink. Do this in remembrance of me."

All: Come, Holy Spirit come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize you in our midst, in each other, and in all the world you love. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat and return to your seat. The elements can be brought to you if you wish. All are welcome!)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Let us pray together.)*

Thank you, most Holy God, for meeting us here in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forever more. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 64** *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*

*BENEDICTION

One: It is good to be here, but God is calling us down from the mountain of peaceful visions, wise teachings, and life-changing moments. God is calling us into the world to speak of hope to those who have lost hope.

All: It is good to be here, but now Jesus sends us from silence into service.

CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Look Ye Saints

Albrecht

HYMN (vss. 1-3)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Joanne Cincotta

Acolytes
John Gumaer,
Elijah Smith

Nursery Volunteers
Cindy Stout,
teen volunteer

Coffee Hour

Attendance
January 31 - 65

Life in the Parish Week of February 7

TODAY – February 7

Souper Bowl Sunday

Sub Sandwiches Pick-up

10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Christian Education
Ministry Committee meets
12:00 pm – Stephen Ministry
meets in the board room

MONDAY – February 8

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in
RFR

TUESDAY – February 9

2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
Club meets
5:30 pm – Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:30 pm – Deacons meet
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – February 10

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY – February 14

10:30 am – Worship service

Today is the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Youth Fellowship is collecting either a can of soup or a 3 lb. canned ham to benefit The Methodist Church Food Pantry and/or \$1 bills to be given to the YWCA's Aid to Victims of Violence program.

Remember to pick up your submarine sandwich orders when you leave.

The **Senior Fellowship Club** will meet on **Tuesday, February 9**, at **2:00 pm** in the RFR. Jaff Harris will present a talk entitled "Growing Up In Homer". We'll also be celebrating Valentine's Day albeit a few days early.

The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** is **February 9 at 5:30 pm**. Wear your sneakers for the highly competitive pancake races! (Pancake racers from age 2 to 100 are welcome!) Come let us feast together as we prepare for the season of Lent!!!

We begin the Lenten season with an **Ash Wednesday service** on **February 10 at 7:00 pm**. Ashes have a long tradition in biblical and church traditions and during our gathering ashes will be available. Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:1-10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-2

The “findings” of the **Transition Team** are available in a report that can be found in Russell Fellowship Room and at each entrance to the sanctuary. The next phase will involve the entire congregation as we take the Team's recommendations and develop plans for implementation and preparation for a settled pastor.

Pastor Search Committee: The Church Council is soliciting names to consider for the selection of the Pastor Search Committee. The Committee will consist of seven to nine people who represent the demographics of the congregation. Individuals must be willing and able to meet regularly and work for consensus. Suggested names should be submitted to Barbara Wright, moderator, or Pastor Kathleen by February 15, (revbarbwright@gmail.com or 607-423-0400).