

Worship Service: Sunday February 26, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

Theme: "The Transfigured Christ calls us to faith rather than fear"

WE GATHER – A BLESSED PEOPLE

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 99):

One: The Lord is King! The Lord is King
over all people and all creation.

**Many: The foundations of God's throne are justice and equity,
and Holiness and Justice are names for the Lord our God.**

One: We come into God's courts with thanksgiving and enter the
gates with joyful praise!

**Many: The Christ of glory shines in this place.
The Holy Spirit meets us here!**

*Song of Praise and Adoration: **"Be Still, for the Presence"**

1. Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
2. Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
3. Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

CCLI Song # 120824 | CCLI License # 11159714
David J. Evans © 1986 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

*God's Greeting (from 2 Corinthians 13:14)

(Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

(As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

*The Sharing of the Peace (We greet each other saying, **"The Peace of Christ be with you"**)

*Songs: **"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

CCLI Song # 2298355 | CCLI License # 11159714
Paul Baloche © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI))

"Holy, Holy, Holy" BoP#299, v.3, 4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Adoration and Confession:

Reader 1: God of grace and wonder,
to this needy world, you reveal your presence
We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
the light of the world,
your light.
May your light shine upon us.
We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah,
your word restoring us, showing us the way,
telling a story,
your story, his story, our story.
May your word speak to us.

Reader 2: We open our eyes and we see mist,
the cloud of your presence
which assures us of all we do not know
and that we do not need to fear that.
Teach us to trust.
We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions,
his best plans, our best plans,
our missing the point,
our missing the way.
Forgive our foolishness and sin

All: **God of mercy and forgiveness**
we come also confessing those things that distract us from the
glory of your presence. We are too often distracted by greed
and our pride; by lingering disappointments and anger;
by voices other than yours so that we fail to hear you calling
us to service.
Touch us again with the mystery of your grace.
Shape our will to yours so we can dwell more closely with you
and one another. These things we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen. ❄️

Assurance of God's Pardon:

Do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world and scatters the darkness. The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new.

Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise: **"Here I Am to Worship"**

1. Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor. *Chorus*

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon the cross.

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon the cross. *Chorus*

CCLI Song #3266032, CCLI License #11159714

Tim Hughes © 2000 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Youth message:

GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

Sung Prayer for Understanding: **"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"** BoP#416

The Reading of Scripture:

George McMillan

Psalm 99

Matthew 17:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Rev. Marion Jackson (Sermon Text not available)

*Song of Response: **“Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain”** (tune: BoP#585)

1. Christ, we climb with you the mountain
Where in solitude your pray.
There your garments, white and glistening,
Shine more brightly than the day.
Face aglow with God's own glory,
You with ancient prophets talk,
Taking counsel for the journey
Toward the cross you now must walk.
2. Christ, stay with us on the mountain,
For our hearts beat fast with fear
While a mighty voice, that, thundering,
Brings God's majesty too near:
“Know this man who stands before you
Is the Christ, my Son, my own!
Listen, when you hear him call you,
'Follow me, and me alone!”
3. Jesus, send us to the valley
Where the road through suffering leads.
There we meet your anguished people;
There your world from violence bleeds.
Give us courage, when we falter,
Not to shrink from pain or loss.
Jesus, grant us, as we follow,
Strength to bear with you the cross.
4. Christ, transfigured on the mountain,
Christ, who walked the earth to save!
Christ, the Son of God in glory,
Christ, who took the form of slave!
Help the church, your living body,
Share with you love's cost and pain;

Till the world, restored, transfigured,
Shines with God's own light again!

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr © 2006 GIA Publications

Prayers of God's People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

*Sung Response: "**Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow**" BoP#79

WE ARE SENT...A BLESSED PEOPLE

*The Benediction

*Recessional Song: "**Shine Jesus Shine**" BoP#376