

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



"Transfiguration"
Mike Moyers, Artist

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Shine, Jesus Shine"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Kendrick
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE *"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* *Matthew 25:35b*
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

God touches the world,
and the world changes.
God touches us,
and we are transformed.

In the brightest of day,
in the deepest of night,
on mountain,
in valley,
the Oneness is everywhere.

**Together we invite God
to open our eyes
to the transfiguration
of our lives.**

And through the change that is surely to come –
the presence of God will show us The Way.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 189

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"
(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

DEO GRACIAS

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God is more vast than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways we see and understand. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and to love the Lord. We can do so knowing that our Creator, who is both the Lion of Judah and the sacrificial lamb, listens. Let us pray:

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for the many ways we seek to pull things under our power and for the ways we fashion the world to

put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love so we can seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the man he has healed. We, too, are healed in God's forgiveness. Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together. **Alleluia and amen!**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: I Kings 2:1-12

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

UNSER HERRSCHER

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Something We All Know"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 274

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

PICARDY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison) (From *The Study Catechism* PC(USA); Questions 1, 8, 18, 23)

God wills that we live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We understand the love and power of God through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we see how vast is God's love for the world – a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it. We are created to live wholeheartedly for God. When we honor our Creator as the source of all good things, we are like mirrors reflecting back the great beam of love that God shines on us. We are also created to honor God by showing love toward other human beings. Entrusting ourselves wholly to God's care, we receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous when facing injustice, and confident that no evil may afflict us that God will not turn to our good. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "We Are Marching in the Light of God" arr. Carter

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,
return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the
weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Everlasting God" Brown/Riley

*All who are able, please stand.