

Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Majestic heart of God, on mountaintops crowned with mist and in this sacred space
you are with us, loving us, hearing us, answering us, and we will not lose heart.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jan Pennal

*INTROIT *Lift Book #50*

“Shine Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick, 1989

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the faithful of God, we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

God has invited us to this place; may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.

We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

We boldly enter into the presence of God, hoping to be transformed into new people.

We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit, we come to praise God's holy name.

*HYMN#75

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Neale, 1851

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us into the presence of glory in these moments, not to judge and condemn us, but to offer us forgiveness and set us free. Let us bring our prayers to the One who longs to embrace us with great mercy, as we pray, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and love, we cherish so many experiences we have had with you. We need those times to energize us and renew our faith. Forgive us when we cling to those experiences, missing opportunities and challenges that help us grow in faith. Forgive our spirits of timidity, and our failure to come down from the mountain to do the ministry you called us to do. Give us courage to seek out new vision for acting in faith. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen! We are God's children, the beloved of God's heart. God speaks words of healing and hope to us in these moments. Listen for God's forgiveness!

It is good to be here in the presence of the One who forgives us. Thanks be to the Holy God of Abraham, Moses, Aaron, and me. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24: 12-17

Bibles, p.68 / LG. p.87

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #521

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (v 1, 3, 5)

Kreutz, 1976

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17: 1-9

Bibles, p.17/ LG. p. 22

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Transformed, Transfigured”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein he was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in his Church unto the end of the world; for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of himself in his death, and to be a bond and pledge of their communion with him and with each other, as members of his mystical body. The outward elements in this sacrament, duly set apart to the uses ordained by Christ, have such relation to him crucified, as that truly yet sacramentally only, they are sometimes called by the name of the things they represent: the body and blood of Christ; though in substance and nature, they still remain truly, and only, bread and wine, as they were before.” This, we believe. Amen.

– The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.161, 6.165

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer rings of the communion tray contain grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.

Sending

*HYMN# 138 **“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!”** (v 1 – 3) Williams, 1948

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #138 **“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!”** (v. 4) Williams, 1948

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Kelly Weaver’s family, Bob Schauwecker and family, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Neil & Mariella Pennal, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Claudine Kennedy, and the staff and leadership of Grace Presbytery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.. 03/02	8:30-9:30a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Mon. 03/03	6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Meeting
Tues. 03/04	5:30p.m.	Pancake Supper
Wed. 03/05	4:30-5:30p.m.	Kids for God
Wed. 03/05	6:00p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service

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