

# Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory in the face of Jesus Christ.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Almighty God, through the ministry of your Holy Spirit, touch our hearts that we may love you deeply and serve Jesus Christ as we encounter him in others. This we pray in Jesus' name.*  
*Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

\*INTROIT #12

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (v.1)

Smith, 1867

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.  
*Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.*

Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.  
*And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.*  
*To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

\*HYMN #12

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We read in First John, “If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thus, in response to God’s grace let us confess our sin first silently, then together using the prayer found in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the busyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of our holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

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

Kyrie Eleison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As the Gospel reminds us, “The very stone that the builders rejected has become to cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes.”  
*Christ is our foundation; God’s will in him cannot be shaken. Our redemption is sure; we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. 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

ANTHEM

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*  
*(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:1-12 (The Message)

Pew Bibles, p.317/LG. p.412

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #182

*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

Bonar, 1846

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

Bibles, p.41/LG. p.54

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*“Transfiguration: Past... Present... Future”*

Dr. Sharon Templeman

Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.” Amen.*

– The Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

\*HYMN #667 *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* Caswall, 1853

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #720 *“Jesus Calls Us”* Alexander, 1852

POSTLUDE Selected

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

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Sue Williams, and the Reynolds family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed. 02/14	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00pm
Thur. 02/15	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Sun. 02/18	First Sunday in Lent	



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...  
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

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