

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 14, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "O God Beyond All Praising" Charles Callahan
Invocation

Hymn: #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)"
(see download)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response: Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (p.#698)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" James Boeringer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #190 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Savior

through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain, and loss.

3. Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
til we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2-9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up to a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6He did not know what to say for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud over shadowed them and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon:

Two Sided Glory

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #156 "Sing of God Made Manifest" (see download)

Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" arr John Carter

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Joanne Stoltzfus**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Timothy Sowers,
son of David & Karen Sowers
Grandson of Gene & Betty Sowers**

Next Sunday is **Communion Sunday**. If you wish, please have a small piece of bread and some wine ready.

If you would like to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, **Sunday, February 21** is available. Please call the church office 717-687-6619.

Ash Wednesday

Come and begin the season of Lent with the administration of ashes, which will occur this Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 and 6 to 7 p.m. It is a humble way to remember the coming of grace.

New Adult Opportunity for Christian Education

Tonight, February 14, we will have our first Zoom Christian Education class. All you have to do to prepare for it is reflect on this morning's scripture and the message of the sermon – or you can do nothing at all. It still is good for you to come and join us. If you are interested, please let Rev. Birch know so he can send you the link.

The Way of Healing -A Lenten Study

Starting on February 21 and continuing for 5 weeks, we will have our Lenten Study at 5:30 Sunday evening on Zoom. This year we will reflect on healing, the healing Jesus gave and gives, according to Scripture, and the healing we need.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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