

Sunday, March 2, 2014

Transfiguration Sunday

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Azmon" - Cherwien*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL
(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 97*

Leader: The Lord loves those who hate evil; He guards the lives of His faithful; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
And give thanks to His holy name.**

*HYMN *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* No. 466

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Lord, revealer of all truth and giver of all life, we praise You and thank You for choosing us to be Your children. Your love for us has never waned and You give us freedom that allows us to choose to walk closer with You. You want us to be unified, You give us visions of what Your kingdom could be like, You trust us with our future. But Lord, we often build up towers of conceit, pride, and independence. We don't see Your blessings as opportunities but rather as our entitlements. Cleanse us from arrogance which separates us from You and our neighbor. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*
**O splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, light's living spring,
True day, all days illumining.**

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children's Message)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 2:1-12 (OT p36)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 11:1-9 (NT p9)*

SERMON *"Knocking Down Our Towers"* Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* No. 446

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* – arr. Laster
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (pg. 16 in the hymnal)

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

**[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people. Please drink as you are ready, in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my

brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*POSTLUDE

"Voluntary" - Selby

"Come As You Are"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Forever

Indescribable

Take My Life (Holiness)

What A Friend I've Found

Prayer & Peace

Introduction of New Members

Children's Message

Scripture Reading:

Mark 2:1-12; Genesis 11:1-9

Sermon

"Knocking Down Our Towers"

Communion

*Closing Song

Grace Flows Down

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
