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Sunday, February 23, 2020

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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" – Forrest
"Resignation" – Callahan
Donna Burkholder, piano / Chris Henkel, piano, organ

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved."

People: Let us worship You, O beloved God.

Leader: God said, "Listen!"

People: We want to hear your word anew this day.

Leader: God said, "Do not be afraid."

People: We lay our worries at your feet.

Leader: And after all this was spoken, God was quiet.

People: Still our souls, quiet our minds, and prepare us to be transformed people, holy God.

*HYMN

"Send the Light"

see insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful and forgiving Savior, like Elijah, a review of our lives reveals a mixed bag. Sometimes we display courage and at other times we live in fear. Faith is co-mingled with doubt. We are compassionate one minute and hold a grudge the next. Humility is nudged aside by pride. Contentment loses ground to envy. We rely on You in obedient submission only to turn around and discover that we've seized the reins of control to our lives. Worry steals the peace that passes understanding. Hopefulness dissolves into self-pity. We confess that we are broken and are powerless to change it. We need Your mercy. We want to be made whole and new. We ask for Your forgiveness, O Glorious One, and we ask for You to do in us, what we cannot. We pray in the name of the one who touches us and makes us whole, Jesus Christ. 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

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ali Elias-Lizardo

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM

"Raise Your Hands" – Sorenson

Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18 (OT p70)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9 (NT p18)

SERMON

"Listen"

Rev. Charles Gross

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

No. 324

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Air" – Battishill

*DOXOLOGY

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

*HYMN

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

No. 75

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*POSTLUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" – Reger

11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Grace Alone

Called Me Higher

Great Are You, Lord

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Ali Elias-Lizardo

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Sending of Tyler Shoemaker

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: *"Listen"*

*Offering/Closing Song

Build My Life

*Benediction



Next Week

Joel 2:12-17

Matthew 6:1-6

"The Journey Begins"